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ESTRADA ULTIMATUM LIKELY TO CAUSE RENEWAL OF THE NICARAGUAN WAR

HE WILL DICTATE THE PRESIDENCY

Unless Madriz Consents to
This Strong Demand At-
tack on Managua will
Quickly Follow

MANAGUA, Dec. 30.—It is rumored here today that Provisional President Estrada has sent an ultimatum to Madriz that the only conditions under which he will agree to a suspension of hostilities and an abandonment of the proposed attack on Managua are the selection of a man of the revolutionists' choice for the presidency or the calling of a general presidential election, the revolutionists to retain their arms during the election.

Neither alternative, it is believed, will be agreeable to Madriz. To accept either would mean loss of the presidency. The revolutionists have already announced their dissatisfaction with him and, were they to re-

- ESTRADA HAS "CINCH"
- SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Dec. 30.—It is reported here today that the commander of the government troops at Acopya has decided to join the revolutionist cause and that instead of opposing the Estrada forces as planned by Madriz, he will aid them. Thus Estrada will have no difficulty in advancing on Managua, and it is believed that Acting President Madriz will yield to the terms Estrada has demanded and that a general election will be called at once.

tain their arms during the proposed election, it is conceded they would control the election and bring about the success of their own candidate.

Brother is Chosen
The peace commissioners chosen by Madriz to confer with Estrada's representatives, consisting of Col. Jose Estrada, a brother of the provisional president; Benjamin Vidaurre and Gilberto Saballes will put forth every effort to have Estrada recede from what is termed his dictatorial policy, but there is little hope that he will yield.

The appointment of Estrada's brother to a place on the commission is considered a clever diplomatic stroke and may be the means of a successful conclusion to the peace negotiations.

Ready to Attack
In the meantime Madriz is preparing for a battle at Acopya and is still hurrying troops to that point. Should Estrada attempt to reach Managua by another route, the Acopya force will be diverted to whatever point necessary to intercept him.

"BILL" LORIMER HE IS ROARING MAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Accompanied by Speaker Cannon Senator Wm. Lorimer is speeding toward Washington today, bent on war with President Taft because of the way the president has treated him regarding federal patronage. Political dopest here say the junior senator from Illinois can make trouble for President Taft, and that as an ally he will enlist the aid of United States Senator Aldrich.

GALVESTON DOCKS A ROARING FURNACE

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 30.—Fire is raging on the wharves here. Great quantities of cotton are stored in the warehouse and it is feared that the fire will spread and that the warehouses will be destroyed. The loss so far is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

WALSH'S COUNSEL CRY CONSPIRACY

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—John R. Walsh, the convicted Chicago banker, is nearer to getting a new trial than he has been since he was found guilty and his lawyers have filed an amended bill in the municipal court making sensational charges against a clique of New York financiers who, they declare, tried to "railroad" their client to prison, in connection with their failure to float his recent \$23,000,000 bond issue.

SATOLLI STILL LONELY

ROME, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Bishop Satolli is still unconscious today, having lain in that state for nearly two days. Extreme unction was administered to him last evening.



At left, Thomas H. Moffatt, U. S. consul at Bluefields; at right, above types of Estrada's victorious troops. Map shows Estrada's next move on Managua. The conqueror's troops are between Rama, where 600 men were killed, and Greytown. The enemy is entrenched along the San Juan river. Estrada will follow the river to Lake Nicaragua and march his troops along the edge of Lake Nicaragua to Managua, where the final battle will be fought. The steamer Prairie is coming from Colon to Bluefields with supplies for the wounded and suffering.

MORRIS STANDS PAT FOR CONFERENCE OF LEADERS

ONLY ONE DAY TO BUY STAMPS

Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Fight Closes at Midnight Friday; Half Million Must Be Sold

Only one day remains to buy holiday stamps for the benefit of the working fund of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association. The stamp campaign is to close promptly at midnight, Friday, Dec. 31 and every one of the 3,000,000 stickers placed on sale on Nov. 29 should be disposed of by the time the old year is rung out and the New Year is rung in. It is estimated that there remain no less than 550,000 to be sold tomorrow. If these must be disposed of in small lots, there is grave doubt that all will be sold.

Several big manufacturing concerns have set a good example by purchasing lots of 10,000 each. All of their monthly statements and year end accounts, issued this week, bear the holiday greeting stamp, while every piece of ordinary mail and correspondence is similarly designated.

In the last few days several cities of Wisconsin that had almost given up hope of winning the grand prize, valued at \$750 to \$1,000, an Aero Vacuum cleaning system for school buildings, have become leaders in the race by a vigorous effort on the part of the school children. In many cities big business men and manufacturers have helped the school children by buying large batches of stickers. The contest does not close until midnight Friday and every stamp purchased up to that time will count.

Campaign Manager Stanley A. Douglas, 411 Goldsmith building, Milwaukee, will make every effort to have the winners in the various contests adjudged as soon as possible after New Year's day. He is greatly pleased over the grand support given by the people of Wisconsin, while the entire association is gratified. The only discordant note in an otherwise successful campaign would be a failure to sell the entire 3,000,000 stamps. However, they feel that the public will not let the interest die during these, the final days of the sale.

SWITCHMEN IMPATIENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The switchmen of Chicago are growing impatient over the long drawn out negotiations between their representatives and the railroad general managers committee and threaten to strike quickly, according to a statement today by a man close to the officials of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

COBBLER HELD FOR BAD CRIME AGAINST A GIRL

Children Tell Sensational
Story and Mother of 13-
year-old Child Tries to
Shoot Erickson

Charged with a serious offense against Florence Tracey, 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. D. Hartley, Henry Erickson, cobbler, aged sixty-five, was arrested yesterday and arraigned for examination before County Judge John Brindley in county court. Erickson, through his attorney, Olaf R. Skaar, entered a plea of not guilty and the examination was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

Complaint against Erickson was made yesterday by Mrs. Hartley, who stated to the district attorney and the police that she had just been informed by companions of her daughter, that Erickson had induced her daughter and several of the young girls who associated with her to come into his place of business one evening about three weeks ago. The woman said that after closely questioning the children she soon learned that they had stood by and witnessed a terrible crime committed against her daughter by the cobbler.

When Mrs. Hartley first learned of the affair yesterday morning she secured a big revolver and threatened to shoot Erickson, and several other men, whom she believed implicated in the affair. She was finally persuaded to go to the police with the case, however, and had an interview with Chief of Police John B. Webber yesterday afternoon, wherein she again repeated her intention of killing the man who she alleged had ruined the child.

Together with her daughter, and a girl companion, both of whom alleged that Mrs. Hartley's charges were true, Mrs. Hartley was then taken to the office of District Attorney James Thompson, where the girls told their story and a warrant was made out for Erickson's arrest. He was apprehended at once.

There are several statutes under which Erickson may be tried. This crime is punishable by imprisonment of from five to thirty-five years.

WHAT HE DONE AND WHY HE DONE IT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—One the eve of his departure from Washington, after concluding the mission for which he was sent here by the Mexican government, Special Ambassador Enrique Creel today issued the following statement:

"It is due to the press and to the public that I should make the following statement:

"First, I have completed the work of my mission with gratifying and satisfactory results.

"Second, the resignation of President Zelaya was the proper way for him to end his administration under the prevailing circumstances. Such action has avoided many difficulties.

"Third, the asylum granted by Mexico to ex-President Zelaya was in full accord with the law of nations; and under no consideration unfriendly to the United States.

"Fourth, the election by the national congress of Dr. Jose Madriz, as provisional president of Nicaragua was a happy event, because it prevented anarchy, a second revolution and further complications with the United States.

"Fifth, the elements of peace and the patriotism of the Nicaraguans are finding their way on both sides; and it is to be desired that successful negotiations may follow if not on the first tentative, after a full consideration of the case and by the support of high principles, love of their country and the action of blood and sentiment of members of the same family.

"Sixth, so far as Mexico is concerned, the policy of my government, always friendly to the United States, has been well understood and appreciated by President Taft and Secretary Knox. They have both been kind enough to congratulate me.

"Seventh, the United States and Mexico will continue acting and cooperating in full accord to consolidate peace in Central America, to give solid consistency to the Washington conventions of 1907 and to develop a feeling of high respect to the international court of Cartago."

TAX ON LORDS WHO WED OUR HEIRESESSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Justice James W. Gerard of the New York supreme court, declares that the state of New York should impose a tax upon foreign marriages and on all fortunes that are inherited by aliens within the state. In an article in Colliers for January he explains that only in this way can the state collect a "percentage of the nobleman's winnings," and he declares he will try to have a bill to carry out his plan introduced at the coming session of the state legislature.

J. OLE STOREY OFFERS TO MAKE A PARTIAL RESTORATION IN THE LAND FRAUD SUIT OF HENRY A. SALZER

"TOM" KELLEY RIPS UP THE TAWNEY HARMONY

WINONA STAND PAT LEADER ASSAILED

Prospective Opponent in the
First Minnesota District
Starts Fine Melee at
Political Love Feast

OWATONNA, Minn., Dec. 30.—Thos. Kelly of Owatonna made the dishes rattle on the banquet board at the intended republican harmony feast here yesterday when called on by his constituents throughout the hall following the brief address of Gov. Eberhart, he hurled a few missiles at Representative James A. Tawney of this (the First) district, Minnesota, ally of Cannon. Tawney himself had sat down just a few minutes before.

"As far as I am concerned," said the Owatonna man, who will probably be Tawney's next opponent, "this meeting is no love feast between Jim Tawney and I."

Mr. Kelly then drew from his pocket a typewritten record of Mr. Tawney's congressional career and proceeded with great delight to rip the previous monotony of the intended harmony banquet into shivers.

Mr. Tawney, he said, had openly misrepresented the people of the First district; he had consistently failed to properly represent them.

"While I do not care," he said, "personally to enter the fight for congress, I feel that Tawney has been antagonistic to the Roosevelt policies, and I shall enter the fight if the followers of Roosevelt in the first district desire me to wage the fight."

From time to time, to give point to his more pertinent remarks, Mr. Kelly would rip off large chunks of the sentiments of harmony and much to the delight of his immediate friends, who saw that he received proper ovation when he resumed his seat.

NATION SHIVERS IN COLD WAVE TODAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—When shivering Chicago looked at its thermometer today the mercury showed six below zero and the police reported that four persons had frozen to death during the night.

Reports received today from all over the middle west indicate still colder weather. Kansas City reported—zero weather while Norfolk, Neb., had 18 below and Huron, S. D., 20 below. Throughout Iowa the temperatures ranged from 6 to 14 below while Missouri points drew about 6 below all around. Oklahoma and most of Kansas got milder weather, western Kansas reporting temperatures of only 3 to 10 above.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—The coldest weather ever experienced in Alabama in December reached a climax today when the thermometer reached 12 degrees above zero at 7 a. m. Intense suffering is reported from all portions of the south.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30.—Records for cold weather were set in many places in Michigan for the last 25 or 30 years today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—Indiana is now in the grasp of a cold wave which has broken all records since 1905. The mercury registered 8 degrees below zero.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30.—Boston today suffered practically zero weather, the coldest of the winter.

HERO IS RESCUED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 30.—James Brown, superintendent of the mine near McAlester, who went in to rescue a shot firer killed by an explosion, was rescued today, after having been in the mine 22 hours.

NEW AERIAL RECORD

JUVISY, France, Dec. 30.—Leon de la Grange today established a new aeroplane record by driving his monoplane 127 miles in two hours, 32 minutes. The previous record was held by Louis Bleriot, the "channel crosser."

BALLINGER MESSAGE READY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—A rough draft of the conservation legislation, which is soon to be the subject of a presidential message to congress, was completed by Secretary Ballinger today.



JAMES A. TAWNEY.

\$1,000 TELEGRAM IS DR. ANDERSON'S NEW YEAR FAVOR

Former Mayor Brings Joy
to Industrial Committee
Today; Hope to Finish
January 1

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30, 1909. E. M. Wing, Chairman, Batavian National Bank, La Crosse, Wis.

When \$1,000 will complete the industrial subscriptions, please enter my name for that amount.

WENDELL A. ANDERSON.
The above telegram from Hon. Wendell A. Anderson, who is spending the holidays with his son in Detroit, brought joy to the headquarters of the industrial company committee today, and it was freely predicted today that with this new inspiration the full \$100,000.00 will be subscribed by tomorrow night, and that Jan. 1, 1910, will be signalized by the consummation of the greatest plan for industrial achievement ever conceived in La Crosse.

Chairman Wing said today that the committee went to the work of solicitation today with renewed energy, and on behalf of the members he expressed the hope that every citizen who contemplates participating in the stock of the company will do so at once.

"If this is done, we are sure of success," said another member of the committee today, "and La Crosse will start the new year under a star of greater promise than will any city in the United States."

ALLEN IMPLICATES CALVERT SPENSLEY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Philip Allen, Jr., held in jail here for ten days on a charge of conspiracy with relatives to prevent creditors from getting their share of the Allen estate, was released today on bail of \$3,000, the court acceding to the request of her counsel to reduce the figure from the original \$5,000. In his testimony early this forenoon, Allen testified that Spensley, the president of the bank, now under indictment, knew of the forgery and other devices that were used to get the bank's money to float the Kennedy mine. Mrs. Allen's case will come up with that of her sister and brother-in-law in January.

NO TELEGRAPHERS STRIKE

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 30.—It was announced at noon by the conference committee of the Big Four telegraphers and officials of the road that terms of agreement had been reached by them. There will be no strike.

HENRY NIEBER UP AGAIN

Henry Nieber, frequently in the toils, is under arrest again today on complaint of his wife, who charges him with non-support. He will be arraigned before County Judge John Brindley this afternoon.

HE WOULD RETURN 2,500 ACRES NO

Wires Horace G. McKinley
who Says He will Advise
Demand for the En-
tire 6,800 Acres

Rather than fight the suit of Henry A. Salzer, this city, started against himself and other defendants, the recovery of 6800 acres of west land alleged to have been obtained from Salzer through fraud and representation, J. Ole Storey, now Portland, Ore., offers a settlement. He sent a message today to Horace G. McKinley at West Sal wherein Storey offers to compromise with Mr. Salzer, by transferring to him 2,500 acres of the land in question, on condition that suit against him, now pending before the courts in Portland, be dropped.

Mr. Storey's answer to this was originally returnable Dec. 29, but he secured an extension of it until the first Monday in January, the coming year. He is now anxious to secure a settlement before this date.

The total valuation of the land in question is about \$55,000. These lands, it is claimed, Mr. Storey has sold a large portion but has in his possession about 4,000 acres. This he now practically offers to cut in two with Mr. Salzer.

When seen this afternoon, Horace McKinley, a co-defendant in the suit with Mr. Storey, who has been assisting Mr. Salzer in pushing his claim, said that he would advise Mr. Salzer to make no compromise with Storey, but to hold for a settlement in full of the claim against him. "The fact Mr. Storey offers to settle," commented Mr. McKinley, "is proof that realizes that his title is not good and that Salzer's suit should be vigorously pressed."

Mr. H. A. Salzer is not in city, but has gone south for winter, leaving his affairs in hands of Mr. John A. Salzer of city.

McKinley arrived here this afternoon to talk over Storey's offer. Salzer and will be in conference with him until he leaves for Minneapolis this evening.

According to McKinley, Storey makes three separate offers of settlement. They are all practically the same, however, as far as the amount to be turned back to the Salzer concerned, and Mr. McKinley says it is his opinion that the offer will be rejected by the Salzers.

The 2,500 acres of land which Storey offers to return to the Salzer owners are valued at from a dollar to nine dollars per acre, or a total in total about \$20,000. In settlement, Mr. McKinley claims, is entirely too small to be worthy of consideration.

MRS. JENNY FORD AGAIN INDICTED

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 30.—Grand jury today returned a second indictment against Mrs. Jean Ford, the "woman in the War case." Mrs. Ford in this indictment is in the first is charged with blackmailing C. L. Warriner, d. ed treasurer of the Big Four road now in the county jail on a five year sentence.

GOMPERS FILES APPEAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The cross appeal of the American Federation of Labor officials in injunction case prosecuted against them by the Bucks Stove and Foundry company was filed today in the supreme court of the United States. With the papers filed today there were four separate appeals now registered before.

THE WEATHER

Coldest at La Crosse, 10 below; warmest, 2 above; wind, 12 m. p. 7 a. m.; snow none. Forecasts: day: For Wisconsin Probably snow flurries tonight or Friday; rising temperature. For Minnesota Probably snow flurries tonight or Friday; rising temperature. For Iowa: Partly cloudy; probably threatening weather tonight and Friday; rising temperature.

NEW YORK CHICAGO



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VALUE UP TO \$4.50

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NEW YORK CHICAGO



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New Years Day

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Night Prices—25c to \$1.00.

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DAKOTA, MINN.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Mills, who
have been visiting in Indiana, re-
turned home Sunday morning.

Our school closed Thursday for
two weeks vacation, the teachers
and scholars gave an entertainment
Saturday afternoon which in every
way was a success.

The M. E. Sunday school gave an
entertainment in the hall Christmas

eve, conducted by Mrs. Holtz which
was enjoyed by all.

Miss Esther Brown, who has been
very sick for the past two weeks,
is slowly improving.

Miss Ethel McKown of Sparta, Wis.,
visited her cousin, Mrs. Emma Whit-
lock, a few days last week.

Mr. Sticker came down from Win-
nipeg to spend Christmas.

Dr. Lincoln and family of Waba-
sha spent Christmas with Mr. and

Mrs. James Wilkins.

Mr. Peter Lee, who has been very
sick the past few weeks, is improv-
ing.

Ross Helsapel, wife and daughter,
Lucile, spent Christmas with the
former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
Helsapel.

The station agent, Frank Brown,
is taking a few days' rest.

G. S. Purdy has just received a
carload of DeLaval cream separators.

Irwin Miles and family have gone
to Montana where he has taken a po-
sition on the Milwaukee road.

If you have a job, be punctual
at all events in leaving.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that is
Laxative Bromo Quinine
Cures a Cold in One Day, Crip in 2 Days

E. W. Brown
on
box.
25c



CHIVINGTON IN; O'BRIEN OUT

Armour Faction Turns to
Chivington and O'Brien
Loses Presidency of
the A. A.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Thomas M. Chivington, general manager of the Louisville baseball club, was elected president of the American association for a one-year term at the annual meeting of the club owners here yesterday.

W. R. Armour of Toledo was elected vice president.

George Tebeau, owner of the Kansas City club, was re-elected chairman of the board of directors, for his fourth consecutive term.

A schedule of 168 games, the same as last season, was approved and will be played again in 1910. The season will open on April 13 and will end on Sept. 26. Although it has not been definitely decided it is probable the western clubs will open in the west and the eastern teams will begin in their section. This plan was followed last year with success.

The election of Mr. Chivington as president to succeed Joseph D. O'Brien of Milwaukee was a distinct shock and surprise to baseball wise men. It was generally believed that O'Brien, who is now winding up a three-year term, would be retained by a comfortable majority.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT HELD AT GREEN BAY

The meeting of the Wisconsin Amateur Billiard association was again postponed last night, as there was no quorum present. The date for the state amateur three-cushion tournament is Monday night, Jan. 10.

The entries up to date are: Wyler, Schade, Schoener, Curtis, Williams and White. The entries will close Jan. 6. It is expected that some will be received from the interior of the state.

Green Bay, through the Elks' club, is making a strong bid for the state championship billiard tournament. Hal Coleman is willing to waive his sanction to hold the series here in favor of Green Bay. It will be held the first week in February.

La Crosse will as before, undoubtedly, be represented at the tournament by Attorney Charles Schweizer, who defeated the state crack, Elmslie, here a few days ago. Elmslie finished second in the tournament last year at Milwaukee and as Schweizer is playing in good form there is hopes in local billiard quarters that he may be able to pull down one of the prizes.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT DEFENDS FOOTBALL

"Football and other college sports are absolutely necessary in the curriculum of education of the young men of this country," said Dr. William Oxley Thompson, president of the Ohio State university of Columbus, O.

"I am not in favor of abolishing football from the list of college sports unless it can be replaced with something which will take its place just as satisfactory to the student body as to the public and to the purposes of general education. If it can be improved by revising the rules without eliminating those features which make it attractive, I am in favor of a revision of the rules of the play. The element of risk is absolutely necessary to make it the game worth while, and football is not the only game in life which contains this feature."

"Football has a good moral effect on the young men, and does not detract their attention from their studies. It merely takes their mind off their studies for a while in a wholesome manner. It is the one game which brings the whole school together; it promotes a spirit like no other game, and should for these reasons be retained."

MINOR LEAGUE NOT TO INVADE CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Reports that the selection of Tom Chivington to the presidency of the American association and the domination of that organization by the Tebeau faction, means the invasion of Chicago by the minor league, were discredited by baseball men here today. It is pointed out that the faction which was pushing the "invasion of Chicago" plan was headed by President Havenor of the Milwaukee club. This faction was ousted from control of the association when President O'Brien failed of re-election and it is not believed the Tebeaus will push the plan for the present at least.

MORSE'S PETITION DENIED

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Federal Judge Hough has handed down a decision denying Charles W. Morse's motion for a new trial on the charge of violating the federal banking laws on the ground that the jury that convicted him was permitted to indulge in intoxicants and he also vacated the stay secured for Morse by which he has been able to keep from beginning to serve his prison sentence.

HEADQUARTERS AT CHICAGO

Chivington will Move A. A. Offices to That City; Havenor to Remove Tebeau

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—President Chivington will move the league's headquarters from Milwaukee to Chicago on February 1. By that time it is expected that the internal war which was started yesterday will burst in full force.

Angered by the defeat of his faction Havenor is said to be planning reprisals in forcing the removal of Geo. Tebeau from the chairmanship of the board of directors.

The Havenorites allege that when the board of directors was elected in 1901, the Louisville, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Columbus and Indianapolis clubs were chosen and not the individuals then in control of those clubs, while the constitution provides, they say, that a director must be a member of the club which he represents. Tebeau, who was elected as a member of the Louisville club is interested no longer in that club which by the constitution has power to elect his successor. The Havenorites say they will not sit on the board with Tebeau and they threaten to get an injunction preventing him from acting.

Before adjournment the magnates also adopted the 168 game schedule and provided for club houses and dressing rooms for visiting clubs on all association grounds except St. Paul.

FITZ, JR., TO LICK DAD'S CONQUEROR

DUNELLEN, N. J., Dec. 30.—Two little brothers, one 15 and the other 12, the youngest bitterly sobbing and wiping the tears from his cheeks, while the other brother was reading to him from a newspaper, was a picture of pathos in real life presented to those who called at the Dunellen postoffice for mail today.

The boys were the sons of Robert Fitzsimmons, the erstwhile champion of the prize ring, who on Christmas day at Sydney, Australia, reached the final round in his pugilistic career by being knocked out by Bill Lang.

The Fitzsimmons boys, Bob Jr. and Martin, are known by almost everybody in Dunellen and there was not an individual who did not realize their grief as they stood in the postoffice reading the detailed story of the defeat of their "daddy."

A spirit of vengeance surged in the heart of Robert Jr., after he read the account and the public announcement that it ended the ring career of his father, and he tried to comfort his little brother Martin.

"Pop was the best fighter that ever put on a glove," said the elder lad. "I'm sorry he got licked and wish I could have been with him on Christmas, but I'll get even for it all, said I would make a fine boxer. I'm 15 now. When I get to be 20 I'll be big enough to take care of this fellow Lang and give him some of the 'old man's medicine.' I never expected to go into the fighting business but I'll go after Lang."

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

FIND SHERIFF'S SON GUILTY AT SPARTA

SPARTA, Wis., Dec. 30.—Art Henry, son of Sheriff Henry, and a Tomah mail carrier, was found guilty of violating the fish and game laws of the state of Wisconsin by Justice Sholtz at his trial here yesterday and was fined \$10 and costs.

Following the taking of testimony in the case Attorney Naylor for the defense made a motion that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the complaint did not specify a cause of action, but the motion was overruled by the judge.

A notice of appeal was given and the case will be carried to the higher courts for a decision.

Four witnesses were sworn and in the testimony of Albert Johnson it was stated that Henry was seen by the witness to shoot into the Florida river and reach in and pull out a trout. The witness said he picked up the spent cartridge after the episode. Other witnesses gave damaging evidence against the defendant.

Other News of Sparta.

Franklin Hildebrand of South Bend Ind., is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Swartzlow. Harriett Brackett of Cataract was in the city Wednesday, the guest of her friend, Miss Mabel Parks, and to attend the M. W. A. dancing party.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision for over 30 years. Allow no one to deceive you in this. Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments, and endanger the health of Children—Experience against Experiment.

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of Sewing, Designing, General Dressmaking and Millinery will open Jan. 3, at 121 South Fourth street, 2nd floor, over 5c and 10c Store. Sewing will begin Monday, Jan. 10.

Misses under 16, \$2.00 week. Adults, \$3.00 week.

All pupils registering before January 15 will be furnished patterns free.

MRS. E. L. SPICER

NEW 1101 544-M

James Morrill of the University of Wisconsin is spending the holidays at home.

Andrew Johnson of the Northwestern university is here for the holidays.

Delia Morrill who is attending Downer college is home for the holidays.

James Johnson, who is attending medical college at Chicago is the guest of his parents for a week.

The fire department was called to the home of Ed Rooker at an early hour yesterday morning because of a chimney fire. No damage was done.

The M. W. A. dancing party in Assembly hall was largely attended.

Leo, Evenson and Geo. Grossman were out of town Wednesday on a business trip.

Frank Raleigh and Hazel Perkins have gone to Minneapolis to spend their Christmas vacation with their sister, Mrs. J. Kroder. They will go to Canada for a visit after their stay in Minneapolis.

Miss Vena Hemstock entertained at a party Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Jefferson and Earl Jefferson have returned from Madison, where they spent Christmas with their parents.

Attorney W. B. Naylor, Deputy Sheriff Wm. McFadden, A. J. Henry, J. Roberts, J. Meinicke and A. Johnson of Tomah were in the city Wednesday at the Henry trial.

The Order of Beavers met Tuesday night and elected the following officers: Most Worthy Beaver, M. A. Stellick; W. M. Queen, Mrs. Mille Enckhausen; Worthy Counsellor, S. W. Sands; Worthy secretary, O. J. Jackson; Worthy treasurer, Miss Loren Lotson; Queen of Love, Mrs. J.

W. Webb; Queen of Faith, Mrs. H. M. Smith; Queen of Charity, Miss Maggie Dunbar; Worthy Princess, Mrs. George Stellick; Worthy guide, H. C. Rhodes; Worthy trapper, Milo H. Babcock; trustee, T. C. Longwell; medical examiners, Dr. H. H. Williams and Dr. V. W. Stiles.

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MALESTER, Okla., Dec. 30.—Following an explosion in the Bolon Darnall mine north of McAlester, in which Angelo Ascanar, shot firer, is believed to have been killed, John Brown, general superintendent of the mines, and Thomas Wetherington, pit boss, entered the mine. Hours later Wetherington was found unconscious, but Brown is still missing and it is believed he is dead.

Oxygen helmets have been sent from Wilburton, Okla., and the mine will be searched.

Brown is a mining expert known all over Oklahoma. The explosion that killed Ascanar shook buildings miles away.

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THE TRADERS

There are senators, and there are representatives in the lower house, who are regarded as hustling representatives of their constituencies because at the end of each session they can say: "Look, what I have done for my district." But to accumulate these dribbles of pap, to satisfy their districts and the local interests which elect them, many barter and trade the great rights and representation of the people to the "Big Interests" in congress, which, through their wealth and power, control this "pap" and use it as the wily early traders used worthless and glittering toys to rob the Indian of his valuable furs. The pioneer traders preyed upon the vanity of the benighted Redskin and his love of glittering ornaments with which to bedeck himself, that he might shine at home and among his people, and that his people might say of him: "Look how great is he in his brilliancy and see the ornaments he has brought us."

And so, believes Senator La Follette, do the wily "traders" representing the "big interests" at Washington bargain to susceptible senator and representative, the glittering bits of "pap" for their home districts—so that he might shine at home and among his people and that his people might say of him: "Look how great is he in his brilliancy and see the ornaments he has brought us."

The editorial refers to the brief insurgency of Senator Elkins of West

Virginia during the tariff debate and then hands another holiday greeting to Senator Burrows of Michigan. It quotes Burrows as stating to his constituents at Detroit, "whenever I have wanted anything for Michigan, I have always known where to get it and he (Aldrich) never failed me," and adds:

"The distinguished senior senator from Michigan told his hearers that if they were disposed to accord him any credit for the things he had 'got' for Michigan, their gratitude was misplaced; that it belonged to the senator from Rhode Island."

"But Burrows did not tell his people about the one-sided bargain by which he had secured for Michigan the kindly offices of Aldrich in behalf of anything that Burrows wanted for Michigan. He did not tell them that Aldrich's service in getting these things for Burrows for Michigan were not given freely by Aldrich out of the goodness of his heart, but were based on a consideration. Burrows did not tell his people that this consideration was a fidelity to the Aldrich control that ranks Senator Burrows well up with Smoot and Kean and Flint and Sutherland and Lodge, senators of the Aldrich machine."

"The Michigan senator did not explain that in return for the little dribbles of pap and petty favors which Aldrich had conferred upon him for Michigan, he had, in the words of 'Steve' Elkins, 'come under the yoke' and had become 'good, obedient and servile' and had traded to Aldrich Michigan's representation in the senate of the United States."

THE INITIATIVE

(Milwaukee Journal)

With the administration at Washington bent upon disciplining Senator La Follette for having had the temerity to act upon his own initiative to the embarrassment of Mr. Aldrich, with Big Business determined to send a punitive expedition to Wisconsin, and with The Elder Twin and The Younger Twin making common cause against the news of the day, the distress of the Tories is aggravated. For of what profit is this "war" upon La Follette, unless a candidate shall be found to lead the uneasy conscience and the awakened desire to battle, where lies the hope of victory?

It is not The Journal's province to supply the Tories or the Progressives with candidates. Yet, as the Voters' league has indicated with quotations from Charles J. Bonaparte and others as distinguished in their service to good government, there is no harm in suggesting to the electorate, within and without party organizations, the names of citizens equipped for public service or admirably fitted for political leadership. It is a function which any citizen or journal may exercise—one, indeed, which should be freely exercised if the good cause is not to fall into the hands of bad men, and the bad cause go without the saving grace of the good man's support.

The forces of Reaction, it is true, have recognized their plight. They have sought zealously for a candidate to offer in opposition to Senator La Follette. There are candidates that could be induced to enter the field without offering the crown to them three times in succession, but they will not do. A candidate of intelligence must be had—a man of standing in the community—a man with a character and a conscience. It is difficult to find such a man in the environment where the Special Interests have their being and the Bourbon thought stifles intellectual endeavor. But there is a man who, if he could escape the dull mantle of the atmosphere of privilege, could shed luster upon the Tory cause.

There is no man in Wisconsin whose mental equipment, methods of thoughts and high purpose better fit him to be a senatorial candidate than do the attainments of Emanuel L. Phillips, whose history of Wisconsin politics has illumined the Elder Twin and given to its pages occasional justification for appeal to

TRIALS of the NEEDLEMS

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Insurgency of Senator Elkins of West

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the human intellect and the mind capable of reasoning. As an author Mr. Phillips is skillful and interesting, where he is not convincing. It is true that he is not a gifted orator, yet the work of the senate, is done largely in committee. But he is not without experience in public speaking. He occupied the pulpit and has delivered himself of righteous preachments.

Mr. Phillips would lend dignity and character to the cause of Reaction. He is not a hopeless Bourbon. He speaks with fair word and seeks honest fact. The fact may escape him, but he would not strangle it in cold blood and pronounce his achievement a triumph of the truth. The people, he believes, have been prejudiced against railways, and since the primary law became of force he has observed that Wisconsin's delegation in congress has lost influence. Yet he takes no note of the grievous burdens that the public has borne from corporate cupidity, and fails to perceive that what he deems an indictment of the primary law is Wisconsin's crowning glory. The influence lost in congress—the ill-will of Cannon and Aldrich through refusal of the state's representatives to do their bidding—has been as nothing to the prestige it has gained in the nation's eyes.

Mr. Phillips would not be equipped to plunge into the breach if he did not believe these things. But he believes them. He parrots no man's song. He is master of his own craft. We may have said too much. Even he may be dangerous

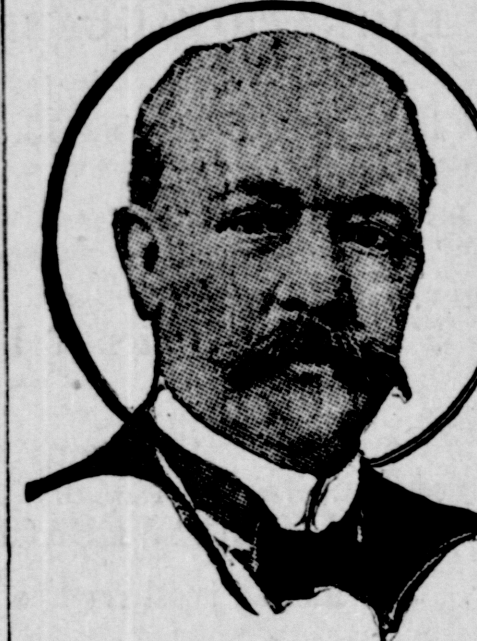
Might it not be a good plan, after all, to let Cook speak before passing final judgment? If Peary's detectives hounded him, if thieves sought his records, if he had reason to fear assassination, if he has gone to bring back his Eskimos, if he has gone to bring back valuable records left hidden near Etah—in fact if he has disappeared for the purpose of accomplishing any one of the dozen means of proving his claims, might he not have something interesting to tell when he decides to speak?

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LIVE WIRES



B. F. KEITH

NEW YORK.—The dramatic rise of B. F. Keith in the amusement business is one of the marvels of this age of organization of theatrical enterprises. With F. F. Proctor he formed the Keith Proctor Amusement company in 1906 and since then has secured control of a number of leading vaudeville houses all over the country. He was born at Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., and was educated in the district schools. He was proprietor of a circus until 1885 when he bought the Gaety theater at Boston and began to give continuous performances. The idea made him rich. His predominant characteristic is a disinclination to talk when he has nothing of importance to say. He is said to be a master of detail and owes his success largely to his ability as an organizer.

SPOTLIGHTS

GRAUSTARK FRIDAY NIGHT

An attraction that has created a great furor throughout the country will be seen at La Crosse theater New Year's eve and New Year's matinee and night, when "Graustark," the dramatic version of George Barr McCutcheon's novel of the same name, will be presented. This play has proven to be even better than "Brewster's Millions," by the same author, and has placed Mr. McCutcheon far ahead of any other American writer of dramatic stories. "Graustark" was produced for the first time in Pittsburgh, and created such a profound sensation that New York managers began bidding for the honor of offering the play in their theaters. The New York engagement demonstrated that this story of love and intrigue, with its magnificent production of scenic and electrical effects, and picturesque costumes, surpasses anything seen in a decade, as an entertainment to especially please ladies. The fair sex turned out en masse, and with their stamp of approval it is easy to see why "Graustark" is such a big success. Boston, New York and Chicago were then visited, and in every city this wonderful work of dramatic art was acclaimed the sensation of the time. The original cast of players, with the



Marjorie North as Countess Dagmar in Graustark

same production will be seen here, and those who occupy the choice seats will be the ones who will have the foresight to secure them well in advance.

Miss Gertrude Perry will portray the role of "Princess Yette" and her work is spoken of as "a masterpiece of dramatic ingenuity." "Lorry" will be played by Mr. William Wagner, and his interpretation of the adventurous American has been highly commended. The rest of the company is composed of players specially chosen for their roles and Baker & Castle have given the play a magnificent setting. Mr. Baker is responsible for the dramatic version, and has closely held to the book in its preparation for the stage. The production is under the personal supervision of Mr. Castle, formerly who had charge of all of the F. C. Whitney productions.

STOCK OPENS SUNDAY

At the La Crosse theater commencing Sunday matinee the young romantic actor, J. Long Morgan, will open a week's engagement. This popular company is one of the strongest that has toured the middle west in seasons, and during the present season has broken all records in Quincy, Rock Island, Aurora, Joliet, Springfield and other cities where it has appeared, and the local papers of the above cities speak in the highest terms of it. This repertoire consists of the most popular dramas and comedies of the day. High class specialties are introduced at every performance, all headliners in the vaudeville world. Mr. Morgan carries special scenery, and makes a complete production. On Monday night the company will be seen in the four act comedy drama, "Big Heater Jim." Special vaudeville features between acts.

MERRY WIDOW

The gayest Viennese operetta that ever came out of the gayest musical mad capital, is "The Merry Widow" which plays in this city next month. Lehar, who wrote the music, has established himself as the only living successor to the line of light opera writers beginning with Offenbach and ending with Sullivan. He has all of the abandon and dizzy riotous melody of the Parisian composer and all of the scholarly and emotional effectiveness of the composer of "Pinafore." The book is ingenious and witty. That there isn't a dull moment in "The Merry Widow" is too well known and too extensively advertised to need repetition.

Mabel Wilber will be the Sonia, with George Damerel as the Prince Danilo. Others of prominence in the cast are Oscar Fignman, William V. Strunz, Harold Blake, Charles Edward Wright, Sophie Barnard, Louisa Hilliard, Winifred Marshall and Viola Napp. The Savage English Grand Opera Orchestra will be under the direction of Frank Mandeville.

The First One

A reporter had the honor to be interviewing Thomas A. Edison.

"And you, sir," he said to the inventor, "made the first talking machine."

"No," Mr. Edison replied. "The first one was made—long before my time—out of a rib."

Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

The Whopper

(Washington Star.)

Bull Buncum went a-travelin' an' when he got back home, He told a lot o' stories 'bout the lands he used to roam, An' had us openin' our eyes as wide they could be, The lecture 'sociations all invited him to tea. An' when he give an entertainment, with dissolvin' views, We handed in our coin. You should have seen us all enthuse And later on our melancholy sighs you should have heard. When we discovered it was all a short an' ugly word. Oh, shattered dreams of fancy! How it filled us with despair To see 'em come a-tumblin', jes' like castles in the air: We really can't help feelin' that the truth is some to blame For not quite measurin' up to round out o' Bill Buncum's claim. In spite of his deception, there's a lingerin' kindness Which ain't exactly easy to explain or to express, For even while we censure his pre-variation hold We must give him this much credit. 'Twas a good one that he told.

Victor Hugo's Superstition

An amusing story of Victor Hugo is related in a French contemporary. The poet had accepted an invitation to dine at the house of one of those ardent republicans who at the time were wittily termed "les precieuses radicales." The dinner hour had passed some time without any announcement that the dinner was served when one of the company, a friend of Victor Hugo, inquired of the hostess the cause of the delay. The latter explained that owing to one of the guests having sent an excuse at the last moment, there would be thirteen instead of fourteen at the table, so she had sent to find another to make the fourteenth.

A moment later the same individual was conversing with Victor Hugo. "Do you know why we are waiting?" asked the poet.

"Yes," was the reply: "some imbecile is afraid to sit at table when there are thirteen."

Victor Hugo in a solemn and severe tone replied: "The imbecile, it is I."—London Globe.

Leading the Horse to Water

The bartender grasped the man next the stove by the shoulder and shook him until he was awake.

"Heres, Zeph," he told him, "you'd better go out and get some fresh air. It'll do you good."

Zeph merely grunted, drunkenly, and huddled back in his chair. The bartender tried it again with like result.

"You won't get out, won't you?" roared angrily. Seizing the unfortunate Zeph by the collar and the seat of the trousers, he escorted him forcibly to the alley. "Get out there in the air and brace up," was his parting advice.

"Y'kin put me out if y' like, but—" Zeph straightened up with drunken dignity—"ye can't make me take no air, durn ye!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Too Pointed

Mr. Howard was a man of exceedingly few words. He positively disliked to talk, as an Indian dislikes to smile. One day he went into a music store to buy the music of an opera for his sister. The clerk came up, and to him Mr. Howard said in his quiet way:

"Mikado' libretto."

The salesman frowned.

"What's that?" he asked.

"Mikado' libretto," repeated the other.

"Me no speakee Italiano," said the clerk shaking his head.—Washington Star.

Practical Politics

A political office in a small town in Iowa was vacant. The office paid \$250 a year, and there was keen competition for it. The democratic candidate Ezekiel Hicks, was a shrewd old fellow, and a neat campaign fund was turned over to him. To the astonishment of all, however, he was defeated.

"I can't account for it," said one of the democratic leaders gloomily. "With that money we should have won. How did you lay it out, Ezekiel?"

"Well," said Ezekiel, slowly pulling his whiskers, "yer see that office only pays \$250 a year salary, an' I didn't see no sense in payin' \$900 out to get the office; so I bought me a little truck farm instead."—Lippincott's.

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Fight

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"Assuredly not," said Mr. Tyler. "I only hope the question may never come to a matter of record at all. Once our country knows that dictation has been attempted with us, even by England herself, the North will join the South in resentment. Even now, in restiveness at the fancied attitude of England toward Mexico, the West raises the demand that we shall end the joint occupancy of Oregon with Great Britain. Do you perchance know the watchword which is now on the popular tongue west of the Alleghenies? It bids fair to become an American Marseillaise."

"I must confess my ignorance," rejoined Mr. Pakenham.

"Our backwoodsmen have invented a phrase which runs Fifty-four Forty or Fight!"

"I beg your pardon, I am sure, your Excellency?"

"It means that if we conclude to terminate the very unsatisfactory muddle along the Columbia River—a stream which our mariners first explored, as we contend—and if we conclude to dispute with England as well regarding our delimitations on the Southwest, where she has even less right to speak, then we shall contend for all that territory, not only up to the Columbia, but north to the Russian line, the parallel of fifty-four degrees and forty minutes! We claim that we once bought Texas clear to the Rio Grande, from Napoleon, although the foolish treaty with Spain in 1810 clouded our title—in the belief of our Whig friends, who do not desire more slave territory. Even the Whigs think that we own Oregon by virtue of first navigation of the Columbia. Both Whigs and Democrats now demand Oregon north to fifty-four degrees, forty minutes. The alternative, Mr. Lord Aberdeen surely makes no deliberate bid to hear it!"

"Or fight!" exclaimed Pakenham. "God bless my soul! Fight us?"

Mr. Tyler flushed. "Such things have been," said he with dignity.

At this astounding speech the British minister sat dumfounded. This air of courage and confidence on the part of Mr. Tyler himself was something foreign to his record. I knew the reason for his boldness. John Calhoun sat at his right hand.

At least, the meaning of this sudden assault was too much for England's representative. Perhaps indeed, the Berserker blood of our frontier spoke in Mr. Tyler's gaze. That we would fight indeed was true enough.

"At this point, your Excellency, the dignity of her Majesty's service would lead me to ask excuse," rejoined Mr. Pakenham formally, "were it not for one fact, which I should like to offer here. I have, in short, news which will appear full warrant for any communication thus far made by her Majesty's government. I can assure you that there has come into the possession of this lady, whose able services I venture to enlist here in her presence, a communication from the Republic of Texas to the government of England. That communication is done by no less a hand than that of the attaché for the Republic of Texas, Mr. Van Zandt himself."

There was, I think, no other formal invitation for the Baroness von Ritz to speak; but now she arose, swept a curtsey first to Mr. Tyler and then to Mr. Pakenham and Mr. Calhoun.

"It is not to be expected, your Excellency and gentlemen," said she, "that I can add anything of value here." Her eyes were demurely downcast.

"We do not doubt your familiarity with many of these late events," encouraged Mr. Tyler.

"True," she continued, "the note of my Lord Aberdeen is today the property of the streets, and of this I have some knowledge. I can see, also, difficulty in its reception among the courageous gentlemen of America. But, as to any written communication from Mr. Van Zandt, there must be some mistake!"

"I was of the impression that you would have had it last night," rejoined Pakenham, plainly confused; "in fact, that gentleman advised me to such effect."

The Baroness Helena von Ritz looked him full in the face and only gravely shook her head. "I regret matters should be so much at fault," said she.

"Then let me explain," resumed Pakenham, almost angrily. "I will state—unofficially, of course—that the promises of Mr. Van Zandt were that her Majesty might expect an early end of the talk of the annexation of Texas to the United States. The greater power of England upon land or sea would assure that weak Republic of a great and enlightened ally—in his belief."

"An ally!" broke out Mr. Calhoun. "And a document sent to that effect by the attaché of Texas?" He smiled coldly. "Two things seem very apparent, Mr. President. First, that this gentle lady stands high in the respect of England's ministry. Secondly, that Mr. Van Zandt, if all this were true, ought to stand very low in ours. I would say all this and much more, even were it a state utterance, to stand upon the records of this nation!"

"Sir," interrupted Mr. Tyler, swiftly turning to Mr. Calhoun, "may I not ask you that it be left as a state utterance?"

Mr. Calhoun bowed with the old time grace habitual to him, his hand upon his heart, but he made no answer. The real reason might have been read in the mottled face of Pakenham, now all the colors of the rainbow, as he looked from one to the other.

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"Mr. Calhoun," continued president, "you know that the of our secretary of state is. There is no one living would s that office more wisely than self, no one more in accordance my own views as to these ver tions which are before us. S has come to that point, I of that office, and do so officially your answer."

The face of England's minist for the first time went colori knew what this meant.

As for John Calhoun, he with both of them as a cat with a mouse, sneeringly s His answer was couched in dignity, Mr. President," said h ing deeply again, "so unexped onerous, so responsible, is one at least needs time for propo sideration. I must crave oppo for reflection and for ponderi my surprise at your sudden r I find no proper answer read

Here, then, send an oppo for delay, which Mr. Pakenha swift to grasp. He arose and to Mr. Tyler. "I am sure t Calhoun will require some d least for the framing of his an invitation so grave as this."

"I shall require at least so ments," said Mr. Calhoun, "That Marseillaise of '44, Mr dent, says Fifty-four Forty of That means 'the Rio Gra fight,' as well."

A short silence fell upon us Tyler half rose and half fro he noticed Mr. Pakenham s as though he would depart.

"It shall be, of course, as y gest," said the president to h. "There is no record of this. But the answer of M houn, which I await and, n mand, is one which will go u records of this country son I fancy. I ask you, then, t what Mr. Calhoun replies."

"I have had some certain n for reflection, Mr. Presiden he, "and I have from the f ment of this surprising offer part been humbly sensible of or offered so old and so unfi you offer, I do so with the and expressed purpose of Texas into this Union, in full any and all consequences. I fer her a treaty of annexa once! I shall urge annexatio ery hour, in every place, in within my means, and in full the consequences!" He loo gravely and keenly at the plenipotentiary.

"That is well understood, houn," began Mr. Tyler. "Yo are in full accord with my c "What, then, is the answer Calhoun to this latest cal country?"

"That answer is one which history.

"John Calhoun accepts!" master, loud and clear.

CHAPTER IX.

A Kettle of Fish.

(Few disputes exist which not had their origin in woman.)

I saw the heavy face of Mr ham go pale, saw the face Baroness von Ritz flash with resolution, saw the eyes of houn and Mr. Tyler meet in. An instant later, Mr. Tyler bowed our dismissal.

Mr. Pakenham drew apart gaged in earnest speech with who had accompanied him; meantime I myself found o ty for a word with Mr. Calh

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DAWES PLEASED WITH WINONANS

That H. W. Dawes, who a few days ago removed his shoe factory from its location on George street to Winona is completely satisfied with his change is shown by the following interview with the Independent of that city. It has the following to say: "H. W. Dawes, of the Dawes Shoe factory which has removed from La Crosse into the Grabow building in this city, has been in Winona the past few days, arranging the basement and second floor of the building, making it adaptable for the factory work. "The machinery used by Mr. Dawes in La Crosse has arrived and was moved into the building yesterday, and will be placed in the next few days. 'I am very well pleased with the outlook in Winona for the new factory,' said Mr. Dawes, 'and I feel confident we will make good in a short time. The city itself is beautiful, and I think you have the right kind of business men, men who will assist in the making of a city.' "Mr. Dawes has moved his family to Winona and they will occupy the residence at 425 West Wabasha street."

Most old people must give the bowels gentle, constant help. One candy Cascaret each day does that. Harsh physic, taken regularly, makes the bowels callous. Cascarets do not. Nearly all old people now use this natural, gentle help.

Vest-pocket box, 10 cents—at drug-stores. 354
Each tablet of the genuine is marked C.C.C.

JENKS HAS NEW 30-MILE BOAT

Racer Being Completed at the Old Vote-Berger Plant; 57x5 1-2, with 75 Horse Power

MODELED AFTER KENRY BOAT

Will Be Entered in Southern Races and Is Expected to Win Laurels in the Meet

Louis Jenks, of the Arctic Ice and Fuel company, is preparing to grab all the motorboat and speed records in this vicinity with the new 57 foot racing boat that he has constructed. Incidentally he is modest about estimating the speed of the craft, saying that it will make "oh, about 30 miles an hour."

The boat has been constructed by Robert Henry at the old Vote-Berger factory. It is a beauty, having long graceful lines which contribute toward the speed of the boat. The craft is constructed after the model of Henry's famous little flyer, but is much larger, being about 57 1-2 feet long and having a beam of about 5 1-2 feet. It will be equipped with a 75 horse power 6 cylinder Beaman marine engine. The boat is painted green and trimmed with natural finished quarter sawed oak and finely polished mahogany decks. The workmen on the craft say that it should make 30 miles an hour easily. Mr. Jenks, in an interview this morning, stated that he expected to make fully 30 miles an hour with the boat. "We will probably take the boat to the fleet races at Burlington next season and we think we can beat most anything in our class," said Mr. Jenks. "She can beat anything within forty miles," said Mr. Ellis, who did the finishing work on the craft.

LEADERS DEFEATED BY THE PEERLESS

The Peerless team of the North Side Bowling League administered two defeats to the Nationals at the Combination alleys last night. Following are the team scores:

NATIONALS		
Stender	189	176 168
Bonadurer	140	175 175
Fries	108	157 146
Hauser	125	162 149
Getts	156	147 169

Total 748 809 769

PEERLESS		
Freng	95	180 126
Whittenberg	154	154 111
Zoeller	167	155 157
Spoonick	152	170 160
Ritter	190	171 169

Totals 758 830 723

SURPRISE PARTY.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the B. R. T. and a few invited friends surprised Mrs. Oswald Lockemer at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Wuest, upper Gillette street, Thursday evening. It was a farewell party, as Mrs. Lockemer left for Milwaukee Saturday, where she will reside, her husband being a popular trainman on the Milwaukee. Delicious refreshments were served at 10:30, and Miss Shackley, Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Brown entertained the company with all the latest instrumental and vocal music. Those present were: Misses Irma Shackley, Devine, Keavney and Harden; Mesdames J. Grimes, E. J. Brown, Mart Larkin, Wm. Shafer, Levens, M. Cross, Wilbur Nutting, George Smith, D. Knight, A. Pettinger, P. J. Larkin, P. F. Welch, R. Wuest and Mrs. Lockemer.

NORTH SIDE IN BRIEF

The program announced last night as that of the Presbyterian church banquet was, instead, the program for the banquet of the Franklin club, at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Mart Larkin, 1002 Berlin street, is seriously ill at his home. Wm. Shafer, another popular conductor on the Milwaukee, has returned to his work after a severe illness.

More Than 20

Ingredients give to Hood's Sarsaparilla its great curative power—power to cure many and varied complaints, including diseases of the blood, ailments of the stomach, troubles of the kidneys and liver.

Many of the ingredients are just what the profession prescribe in the ailments named, but the combination and proportions are peculiar to this medicine and give it curative power peculiar to itself. Therefore, there can be no substitute for Hood's. Get it in the usual liquid form, or in tablets called Sarsatabs.

Guy Sampson, 413 Avon street, is at present on Cuba taking treatment for a bad case of rheumatism in his knees. He spent Christmas with his family in La Crosse and is gaining rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grimes, Mill street, are spending the holidays with their son Edward at Green Bay.

Miss Anna Sommers, 424 Caledonia street, is spending the holidays with her sister in Milwaukee.

Jerry Lyman and daughter Alice are visiting at Elroy.

P. F. Welch and wife and daughter have returned from a visit at Dubuque and Mr. Welch has gone to resume his work at Aberdeen, S. D.

Mrs. Wm. Shafer, 400 Car street, is able to walk without crutches after spraining her foot quite badly some time ago.

Mrs. T. J. Schomers has returned to her home at Winona after a visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. A. W. Fuller, 1220 Avon street, is confined to her home by an attack of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Silloway, 1725 Wood street, are visiting relatives and friends in Winona.

Mrs. W. E. Wheeler, 1301 Wood street, has gone to Chicago to spend New Year's with relatives and friends.

L. T. Courtwright of Davenport, Iowa, is in the city visiting W. J. Schultz, 1316 Avon street.

Archie Mosher, 1215 Caledonia street, has returned from a visit with relatives at West Salem.

Misses Minnie and Ida Lee, 1203 Caledonia street, are visiting relatives at Stoddard, Wis.

Robert Fischer has returned to

Winona to resume his duties as a fireman on the "Q" after spending his vacation in this city.

Mrs. S. S. Arleton, who has been visiting friends in the city, has returned to her home at Detroit, Mich.

The icemen of the Arctic Ice and Fuel company are at work clearing the snow off the ice on Black river at the foot of St. Cloud street, preparatory to cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker of Tomah, Wis., are guests of Mrs. F. Andrews, 1719 Berlin street.

C. M. Leary has returned to Chicago after a visit with his sister, Mrs. H. Schneider, 1024 Avon street.

Mrs. Catherine Allen is the guest of her brother at Cincinnati during the holidays.

Peter Fischbach left today to visit friends residing in the vicinity of Cashton.

Passenger train No. 55 on the Milwaukee, due here at 10:55 a. m., was 30 minutes late this morning.

Train No. 3 on the Dubuque division of the Milwaukee road was reported to be two hours and thirty minutes late this morning.

Barthold Webber, employed with the Burlington road at Grand Crossing, left this morning to visit relatives in the town of Cashton.

The city shoveling crew is today busy on the north side cleaning off the snow on the walks.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." O. T. Erhart.

FEAR AMERICAN FIGURES

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The London Express today charges President Churchill of the board of trade with concealing from the public his own department's statistics concerning the property of American workmen, for fear they would prove an impetus to the protection movement in England. The Express intimates that the liberals are afraid of losing the coming election, should the free trade panacea be shown to be unwarranted by conditions in America.

DOREY PRESIDENT OF GOOD FELLOWS

At the annual meeting of the Goodfellows' club, Tuesday night at the club rooms on Jay street the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—H. B. Dorey.
Vice president—Jack McKibbin.
Secretary—W. J. Boyer.
Treasurer—Fred A. Schultz.
Correspondent secretary—R. J. Roth.

A social session followed the regular business meeting, the Goodfel-

lows' quartet rendering several selections. A billiard match was played H. Elson carrying off the honors.

THERE IS WAR IN THE SYRIAN CAMP

Little Syria, better known as Supervisor Dwyer's ward on the North side, was well represented in county court yesterday when the case of Matt Monsoor against David Moses was called before County Judge John Brindley.

Monsoor accused Moses of threatening to kill him and swore that he feared the defendant would carry out his threat.

Moses' head was wrapped in a huge bandage and streaks of clotted blood on his head leading from the bandage to the extremities of his chin bore mute testimony to the fact that he had received an awful beating. His eyes were blackened and his appearance generally was calculated to arouse the sympathy of his peers.

When told that he was charged with threatening Monsoor's life, Moses opened his eyes as wide as he could. "It wuz jooost de oder vay, judg," he declared. "Ye see ve hat a fight en I hit him wit de baseball club, but den he takes de club away from muh, en jooose et on muh heat til I almos' die."

The court dismissed the case on motion of the district attorney. Attorney John Doherty appeared for Moses.

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CHIMNEY FIRE

A small chimney fire on Grove street between Ninth and Tenth streets called out No. 1 fire company yesterday noon. The blaze was extinguished with a few handfuls of salt and no damage was done.

CORPORATIONS WILL FIGHT PUBLICITY

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The heads of thousands of Chicago manufactories and incorporated establishments are today planning to hand together in an organization to fight the corporation excise tax, the publicity clause of which they declare will cost them much trade and give their business rivals information on their customers and their methods of doing business.

Aside from the claim that the tax law gives their competitors an insight into their business, the business men making the protest declare the act is class legislation and discriminates between corporations and co-partnerships; that the law is not an excise law because it imposes indirect taxation and that the federal government is infringing upon states' rights by taxing corporations that receive their life from a state and do no interstate business.

After exposure, and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. Is mildly laxative. Refuse substitutes. O. T. Erhart.

NORDEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET THURSDAY

The annual holiday banquet of the Norden society, which event for the last two years has replaced the Sylvestor ball, formerly given annually by the society, will be held in the society's hall this evening.

All of the leading Scandinavians of La Crosse and vicinity will participate in the banquet and this year's event will be the largest and most auspicious ever held by the society. An interesting and elaborate program of toasts and speeches has been arranged by the committee, some of the ablest orators in La Crosse being on the speaking program.

MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

All members of Colonel Moore Camp No. 22, Sons of Veterans, are requested to meet at their hall on Mill St., over No. 2 Police Station, on Monday night, Jan. 3rd.

"IF"

"If I were sure of a position, I would take a business course."

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If you do, write today and we will send you a **Written Guarantee** of a position, just as soon as you are competent. **ANY BANK IN LA CROSSE WILL INDORSE OUR GUARANTY.**

We know the Wisconsin Business University to be all right financially and educationally. Under the direction of Leigh Toland, the school has had its largest attendance, has enjoyed its greatest prosperity, and has been conspicuously successful in locating its graduates in desirable positions. We employ W. B. U. graduates and have found them competent and efficient. We have done business with the W. B. U. for several years, and as before stated, we know it to be sound educationally and financially.

**SECURITY SAVINGS BANK.
STATE BANK OF LA CROSSE.
BATAVIAN NATIONAL BANK.**

December 3, 1909.

During the past three years, the Wisconsin Business University of this city has been owned and managed by Mr. Leigh Toland. I have watched his progress with considerable interest and am pleased to say that in my judgment he is making a decided success of the business. We have employed a number of the graduates of the W. B. U. and in every case have found them well trained and efficient.

G. M. Burton, President,
THE NATIONAL BANK OF LA CROSSE.

December 14, 1909.

By direction of the Pastors' Union, I beg to advise that at regular meeting of that body held December 13, 1909, the question of giving our endorsement to the Wisconsin Business University was considered.

So general was the high esteem in which the president of the institution was held and the individual good will and appreciation of the worth of the school as attested by its known alumni, that by unanimous vote the Pastors' Union expressed its endorsement of the W. B. U. and its enterprising president, Mr. Leigh Toland.

W. P. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary,

The Pastors' Union of La Crosse.

December 7, 1909.

I take pleasure in commending the Wisconsin Business University to parents who want to give their sons or daughters a good business education. What pleases me especially is that you insist on good moral conduct of your pupils. Five of my nephews have been in your school and all of them are doing well.

Three months tuition to those who enter January fourth or one week thereafter. One month trial free to those who do not care for the special offer.

We can prepare you for a position by June first. We simply cannot supply the demand, and we have not been able to for the past six months. Send for beautiful catalogue free and ask for full information.

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MONROE SCHOOL BOARDS MEET

Prof. J. O. Engelman of the Local Normal School Attends Meeting and Delivers Speech

Prof. J. O. Engelman, of the normal school, reports a good meeting of the members of school boards of Monroe county at Sparta yesterday. The meeting was presided over



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PERSONALS

The best yet, the new dop! John Nicholson of Eleva, Wis., who pitched with the Eau Claire baseball team last season visited friends in the city yesterday.

The stock holders of the local baseball association will meet at the small council chamber at the city hall January 4 to vote shares in stock.

Robert Fisher has returned to Winona to resume his duties as foreman on the "Q" after spending Christmas with his parents on Avon street.

Hack calls promptly made. Phone 179, Gateway City Tr'r Line.

Mrs. F. H. Gedney is ill at her home, 316 North Fourth street.

Miss Dorothy Phelps was pleasantly entertained by her little friends in honor of her fifth birthday Dec. 27.

Miss Cilla Phelps is spending her Christmas vacation with relatives and friends in Milwaukee.

R. A., R. V., and James Stormont, contractors, engaged in construction work in and about Valier, Mont., are spending the holidays in this city.

Dr. Geo. Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

Dr. C. J. Stormont of Viola, Wis., visited friends and relatives here a short time yesterday.

Otto and Stephen Bergh, students at the university of Wisconsin, are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elstad, 920 South Fifth street.

Mrs. C. Krismier and Frank Michel were married Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of the Holy Trinity church, Rev. Fr. Joerres officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vrchota, the latter a sister of the bride, attended them. The groom for many years has conducted a meat market at 905 Denton street. They will reside in 1,000 Redfield street, where Mrs. Michel has conducted a business left her at the death of her first husband.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women

The "Merry Widow" opera company which was scheduled to be here Jan. 17th has changed its route and will appear here at a date which will be announced later.

It is announced Florence Linn, aged 16, was secretly married to Francis George Foinner, a Minneapolis paper hanger on June 23, the announcement transpiring as a Christmas surprise. The young woman is a sister of "Queenie" Linn, who secretly married Francis Depew, claiming to be a nephew of Chauncey Depew. The girls are daughters of Mrs. H. A. Linn, now of Minneapolis, who will be remembered as having a street row with Fred Cale, a night watchman whom she accused of hiding her daughter.

Dr. J. W. Lawrence, dentist, is now located at 426 Main, Barron building. New phone 1103-M.

Edwin French, representing the "Wisconsin Motorist," an auto and boating magazine, has left the city after securing a large number of subscribers for the new publication.

The Winnebago County Hunting Club of Merrill has presented Rev. W. J. Turner, formerly of this city, with a large picture in appreciation of his interest in the organization.

The winter term of Keefe Business College, corner Sixth and Vine street, will begin January 4, 1910. Special advantages will be given to those who enter at this time. For further information address the College or telephone 6911 old, or 385 Red new.

The post office department has requested rural carriers to report for the month of January the amount of unmailed matter they are asked to handle for the farmers, its weight and other details of its transportation.

Mrs. N. Lehrbach of Arcadia installed the officers of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Monday evening. She was accompanied by Mrs. Charles Sweet, also of Arcadia.

The blacksmith shop of John Relchelt, bankrupt, has been ordered sold to E. H. Derr for \$400.

A. J. Weigel, 946 Hood street, are the parents of a boy born Tuesday night.

Sat., Jan. 1, at Linker hall, Gateway City Pleasure club's dance. Street cars to North side.

The funeral of Capt. Wilcox was held at 9:30 this morning at the residence, 309 Vine street. The pallbearers were Joseph Miller, Joseph Lennon, S. L. Meister, J. F. Langdon, Ole Elbertson and H. L. Taylor.

J. P. Bird, Henry Gund and Manager Gage of the theater fished on Tuesday near Stoddard. They had a hard time keeping their minnows alive, owing to the cold weather.

Eagles' dance, Dec. 30, Linker hall. Cars for North side after dance.

Poor Commissioner J. E. Hauser took three homeless children to the Sparta home today.

The Mankato, Minn., and Y. M. C. A. basketball team meet at the "Y" gymnasium tonight.

The Trades and Labor council will hold its next meeting Jan. 14th. The last meeting was adjourned owing to the holiday season.

William Shepard of Kenyon, Minn., is spending several days in La Crosse on a short business visit.

IRVINE.

DIAMONDS—Special bargains in single stone Diamond Engagement Rings. Our diamonds are blue white and perfect, mounted in 14k Tiffany hand made mountings. \$40.00, \$48.00, \$65.00, \$75, \$100 up.

Smaller size stones at \$20, \$25, \$35 up.

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OPEN HOUSE AT "Y" NEW YEAR'S DAY

Concert Program, Gymnastic Exhibitions and Able Address by Dr. T. E. Green Sunday

Open house to its members, ladies and friends, and to the public is the order of the day in the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association. The building will be decorated with holiday evergreens and with the new equipment and furniture that has been added since the opening week, the building will present a decidedly improved appearance over its first opening.

The High School Orchestra has been secured to present a concert program during the afternoon. In the gymnasium a program under the direction of Physical Director Boyd, consisting of marches and drills by the intermediates, Junior A and Junior B classes, apparatus work and gymnastic games. There will also be a game of basketball.

In the evening, another gymnastic program will be presented by the Senior class under the direction of Mr. Boyd, consisting of marches, drills, gymnastic dances, apparatus work, and gymnastic games. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and evening. The public are requested to accept this article as a personal invitation to every man and woman in the city to call into the building during the afternoon and evening for a short while at least and enjoy the activities if the day. There is no admission charged to anything and all programs and refreshments are free to all who call.

An opportunity will be given for an hour in the afternoon from three to four to inspect the locker, shower, and swimming-pool rooms and again in the evening. The remaining portion of the building will be open for the inspection at all times. Sunday afternoon in the gymnasium of the building, a great speaker with a great and stirring address will be the attraction. Dr. Thomas E. Green, one of the most noted platform orators of the day, has been secured to present his address for Greater Men's Meetings, on the "Tragedy of a Soul," a drama in three acts. This meeting will have to be held in the gymnasium because it is fully expected that more than 500 men will be present to hear it. Dr. Green has lectured in this city once or twice before in various lecture courses and has always proved a stellar attraction. Every man who has heard him before will want to hear him Sunday and no man who has heard him should fail to hear him now.

A little news sheet is being prepared to be given out on New Year's Day to all who visit the building, outlining some of the special features in the Association's activities for the remainder of the winter season.

Dr. William Powell will leave tomorrow for the Pacific coast, where he has extensive business interests.

C. H. Hibbard of Milwaukee is a business visitor in La Crosse today.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Brodick and child of Caledonia, Minn., are the guests of La Crosse friends for a few days.

William Churchill of Oshkosh is a business visitor in La Crosse for a few days.

G. M. Spooner of Grinnell, Iowa, is visiting friends in La Crosse today.

Senator Thomas Morris returned this morning after a brief business visit at Milwaukee.

SOCIETY

MANSKE-SWARTZ NUPTIALS

Miss Tillie Manske, Vernon county, and Mr. Carl Swartz, St. Joseph's ridge, were married at the home of the bride Tuesday by Rev. E. H. Palechek. Louis Manske, sister of the bride, and Emil Krause, nephew of the groom, supported the couple. About forty relatives attended. They will make their home on St. Joseph's ridge.

COFFEE

Mrs. Will Shafer entertained a few ladies at a coffee at her home, 400 Carr street, Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Oswald Lochomes, who has left the city. The house was decorated with holly and Christmas bells and Mesdames E. J. Brown and Ed Olson assisted in serving.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Miss Jennie Rooney of Streeter, Ill., has been visiting her brothers, Messrs. Henry and Frank Rooney.

Mrs. T. M. Liddell and daughter, Miss Bessie Liddell, have gone to Milwaukee to spend the week with relatives.

Miss Marion Johnson of Black River Falls is visiting friends in the city during the holidays.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Shelby Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company will be held at John Mallin's hall in La Crosse, Wis., on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated Dec. 20, 1909.

PETER KIENHOLZ,

Secretary.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BOGNER FRIDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Bogner will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at the St. Joseph's cathedral, Sixth and Main streets, and at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Bogner, 321 Winnebago street, Rev. Sluyter officiating. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

MINNESOTA AND THE NORTHWEST

STRIKE NOW NEAR TO DEVELOPMENTS

President Taft to Take a Hand Tomorrow; Other Developments Near; Both Sides Firm

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—No new developments marked the progress of the switchmen's strike yesterday aside from the withdrawal by the railroads of their offer to abide by the decision of the Chicago conference and re-employ the striking switchmen as soon as they have places for them and the removal of the embargo on wheat shipments in some of the small towns of the state by the Great Northern road.

The railroad officials state that so far as they are concerned the strike is over.

Important events in the strike situation are promised for tomorrow.

Taft to Take Hand

At Washington President Taft will meet Chairman Knapp of the Interstate commerce commission, United States Labor Commissioner Neill and H. B. Perham, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor.

At Chicago the conference between the eastern switchmen and the railroads is expected to take final action.

At Buffalo the grand board of directors of the Switchmen's Union of North America will convene to formulate plans for strike benefits.

In the northwest the fight goes on with the finish not yet in sight.

The freight handlers of St. Paul met in large numbers last night and took the same action as their Minneapolis brothers did two weeks ago.

Take Strike Vote

The strike vote is being taken rapidly throughout the northwest along the various organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Another strike breaker was killed in the St. Paul union depot last night. Governor Eberhart said that according to the information received by him that one man a day has been killed since the strike began. This would mean thirty men to date.

Superior reports to switchmen's headquarters that all are as firm as ever and Duluth says that the men employed on the coal docks, although unorganized, have signified their willingness to strike when the word is given.

No Internal Trouble

General Superintendent Huntington of the Soo road said that there was no truth in the rumor that there was any immediate possibility of the railroad managers disagreeing among themselves. He said: "All is peaceful and all the managers seem to be as a unit on this proposition."

Three Northwestern roads, the Minneapolis & St. Louis, the Soo and the Milwaukee are preparing to secede from the railroad association and settle the strike insofar as they are concerned by making concessions to the strikers. This is the declaration of a prominent switchman official made yesterday.

Deny Possible Settlement

Officials of the roads mentioned deny the assertion although they recall the 1907 incident when President Hill withdrew from the association to settle with the machinists who were on strike.

PRESTON WOMAN BRINGS CHARGE

PRESTON, Minn., Dec. 30.—J. G. Glass, who was snugly settled at Spring Valley and living with his wife No. 2 who was formerly Nellie Love of Spring Valley, was arrested by Sheriff Blexrud yesterday and brought to Preston and lodged in jail on complaint of wife No. 1, Susie Glass, who came here from a Wisconsin town and instituted proceedings against her husband, J. G. Glass, for bigamy. It is now up to Glass to show whether he has disposed of Susie or not, and whether he can retain Nellie as his wife. He maintains that he is rid of Susie and proposes to stay by Nellie, but Susie is here and has her certificate, and is ready to show it to the authorities when the examination takes place.

TO MERGE ALL BLACK JACK MINES IN IOWA

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 30.—New York and Chicago capitalists have bought the Avenue Top Zinc Mine in the residence district for \$100,000 and plan a big merger of all zinc mines here and a revival of the mining industry now that the tariff on zinc has been raised.

La Crosse Theatre, Week Beginning Sun., Jan. MORGAN STOCK CO.

OPENING PLAY "BIG HEARTED JIM"

Matinee Prices 10c.

Monday Night—"The Cry Baby." Night Prices 10-15c. LADIES FREE with each 25c ticket reserved before 6 p. m.



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WISCONSIN NEWS

CHILD WIFE GOES TO MEET AFFINITY

Kenosha Woman Deserts Husband and Children to Live with Another; Hubby Asks Divorce

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 30.—Ernest Schultz has filed a suit in the circuit court here asking for a divorce from his wife, Alma Schultz, whom he charges with a grave offense. According to the complaint, Mrs. Schultz left Kenosha in company with Geo. Denman on April 5 last but neither Mr. Schultz nor Mrs. Denman informed the police. Mrs. Schultz was formerly Miss Alma Peterson of Russell Ill. When she was 19 years old she and Mr. Schultz went to Sheboygan and were married. Her husband avers that when he last heard from his child wife she was with Mr. Denman at Davenport, Iowa, but it is alleged that the alleged elopers left Davenport some time ago and their whereabouts is now unknown to the wife and husband left behind.

WERE NO ROBBERS IN HEDGER HOME

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—Into the web of circumstantial evidence the state is weaving around Ward E. Hedger, alleged uxoricide, Detective Dennis Sullivan on Wednesday spun one of the strongest strands.

Vividly graphic was his story. Short, terse sentences, every word vital and distinctly spoken, pictured the scene in the little home on Cedar street on the night of the tragedy, Sept. 9.

When the story ended the theory that Louise Wright Hedger had been shot down by burglars appeared to be shattered. Ere it closed, the bearing of the defendant while the detectives sought to learn who had wrought her death was impressed, with telling force, upon the minds of the twelve men in whose hands his fate now rests.

ADVERTISED FOR WIFE CAN TAKE HIS PICK

OCANTO, Wis., Dec. 30.—John Barney, the farmer near here who has been advertising for a wife and offering unusual inducements, is being flooded with letters from marriageable women from all over the country and particularly from the south. He offered to take his wife to town to see moving picture shows once every week, and to allow her all the physical culture training and piano playing she might wish.

John seems in a fair way to have his heart's desire gratified for he can now leisurely pick out his choice from a dazzling array of photographs scented with the sweet magnolia of the sun-kissed southland. John received thirty-six letters in two days this week.

MURDERS FOR GIRL ESCAPES LYNCH

MONROE, Wis., Dec. 30.—prompt arrival of the police prevented what might have been a lynching here, when Walter Smith, of this county, stabbed Fred Ault, same place, in the Illinois C. depot here. The men were quarrelsome while waiting for a train, of young woman to whom both were tentative, it was said. Suddenly Smith pulled a knife revolver. When the crowd saw Ault on the ground apparently dead, a rush was made for Smith the police interfered.

A Policeman's Testimony

J. N. Patterson, night policeman Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last I had a bad cold on my lung tried at least half a dozen different cough medicines and had to resort to two physicians without any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and after three of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and medicine in the world." O. Hart.

PULLS OUT TONGUE OF BALKY HORSE

LONE ROCK, Wis., Dec. 30.—Two men trying to make a balky horse go tied a rope around its tongue and pulled hard that the tongue was loose by the roots so that the horse could not lift its tongue back into its mouth or swallow and it had to be shot by order of a veterinary surgeon. County authorities were notified.

SEEK THIEVES WHO CAUSED 5 DEAD

LEMBURG, Austria, Dec. 30.—The police are today rounding up the known criminals in the hope of finding the pickpockets who are charged with exploding works during a moving picture at a local theater last night in a panic that resulted in five deaths, and the serious injury of two others. In the panic the pickpocket fled with the crowd and so pockets were picked.

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All druggists, 50 cents. Write today for a free package.

PEARY DANGERS IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Four Steel Launches of United States Battleships Sunk Near Wharves while Saving Men

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Three launches belonging to battleships in the north Atlantic battleship fleet, anchored in the North river, were sunk today while attempting to plow their way through the ice at the river bank, where they sought to take on board 200 shivering sailors who had been unable all night to get to their ships.

The first of the great steel launches to sink was launch No. 1 of the battleship Wisconsin, which tried to break through the ice at Ninety-sixth street. A half submerged ice floe pounded a hole in her bow and the water, rushing in, caused her boiler to explode. Her five sailors were thrown into the icy water but the tug managed to smash her way through the ice and pull them out with boat hooks, all suffering terribly from exposure.

Launch No. 2 of the Minnesota, which was mixed up in the ice floe off 97th street, lost her propeller and was derided aimlessly about in the ice until her bottom was torn out and she sank. Boats from the Wisconsin and Connecticut picked up her crew and sent them to the ship's hospital.

Launch No. 3 of the Kansas had a hole punched in her stern and filled rapidly. She did not go down, being supported by the ice, but her water soaked crew had to leap from iceberg to iceberg to reach the shore and they too had to go to a hospital.

Officers and men later were forced to go to one of the docks down town and get a boat to take them up the channel to the fleet.

It has been impossible to get fresh food and meats to the fleet, but a tug has been chartered from down town and fight her way up to the fleet.

SAW NURSES MURDER WOMAN

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 30.—An affidavit charging that Mrs. Catherine Lindner, believed to be the woman whose skeleton was found in an abandoned building of the Essex County hospital for the insane several weeks ago, died on Feb. 25, 1904, as the result of an attack made upon her by three nurses at the institution, was given to the authorities by Mrs. Francis Hinkel.

Mrs. Hinkel declares in her affidavit that she witnessed the attack and sought to stay the hand of one of the nurses, who wielded a chair upon the head of Mrs. Lindner, while two other nurses and an inmate phoned to the floor.

"I saw blood flow from her ears, nose and mouth," the affidavit says. "Then the nurses released their hold. Two days later I was visited at my home by one of the nurses who cautioned me to say nothing of what I had seen. They told me that if I talked I would have my daughter, just then released on probation, taken back to the asylum."

"I was afraid for my daughter's sake have held my peace."

STATE BOARD MEETS ASYLUM TRUSTEES

At the time of going to press this afternoon the state board of control and the trustees of the La Crosse County Asylum are in session at the asylum at West Salem, going over the sketches submitted by Architect Wells E. Bennett for the proposed addition to the institution. It is proposed to build quarters for 100 additional patients, to make alterations in the heating plant, dining room and kitchen. The addition is to be erected on the north end of the west wing of the building.

SYLVESTER BALL TOMORROW NIGHT

One hundred and fifty dancers will watch the old year out and welcome the new year in at the annual Sylvester ball of the Deutsch-er Verein at Germania hall tomorrow evening.

The hall is being superbly decorated for the occasion by Mr. Schaefer of the La Crosse Floral company. Kreutz's full orchestra of eighteen pieces will furnish music. John Neukomm has been engaged as caterer. Invitations have been issued to 150 friends of the society.

COLD CARS BASIS OF 4 INDICTMENTS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 30.—W. Kessley Schoepf, president of the Cincinnati Traction company and of the Ohio Traction company, was indicted by the grand jury on four counts today for failure to keep cars on four city lines up to the temperature of 60 degrees required by law.

DYNAMITE STOPS FIRE

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 30.—Dynamite stopped a fire which swept through the town of Edinboro, where the state normal school is located, and caused a loss of more than \$100,000 this afternoon.

DEMAND RANSOM FOR MISS ALMA KELLNER

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—A letter containing a demand for \$25,000 ransom for Miss Alma Kellner has been received. It came from a town in Ohio and will be investigated. The girl has been missing since Dec. 8.

TRIAL DIVORCE IS A CHICAGO DECREE

Judge Separates Couple for Five Years, During which They Must Not Re-wed Meanwhile

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Can a court grant a "trial" divorce effective for only a limited number of years? This is the question countless Chicago jurists and lawyers are asking each other today following the granting of such a decree to Mrs. W. Whole of Hammond, Ind., by Judge Vergil S. Rieter of the Lake county superior court.

The Wholes are divorced for a period of five years, after which time they can live together if they so desire. If during that time they should make up and wish to be re-married they would have to wait until the five years have expired.

Again, if within that space of time the couple should go out of the state and re-wed and then decide to get a divorce after five years they would have to get two divorces to be legally separated.

In commenting on the unusual decree, Judge Jesse Holdom said: "I think Rieter's decision is very inconsistent. It is against the policy of a state to keep married people apart except of course in case of crime. Marriage is a contract and the court cannot deprive a couple of their rights to keep that contract. The idea of a limited divorce is foolish."

FEW BRITISHERS SURE OF PLACES

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The English political situation is so uncertain that of the 668 aspirants, either already nominated, or yet to be chosen for seats in the next parliament, not more than seventeen are today considered to be absolutely certain of election. Of this number nine are Irish nationalists and seven Irish conservatives. The seventeenth is the Right Hon. James Lowther, speaker of the house of commons. By immemorial custom, the speaker is chosen for life and consequently entitled to re-election after re-election.

Premier Asquith will assuredly win in his old district of East Rife Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George cannot lose Carnarvon, and War Minister Haldane and Foreign Secretary Gray are safe in Haddington and Berwick respectively. The only member of the present cabinet who is in the least danger is Postmaster General Buxton of the London ward of Poplar.

Most of the big conservatives are equally certain of re-election. Arthur J. Balfour, the conservative leader, and Sir Frederick Banbury, the most cunning obstructionist in parliament, are absolutely certain of success. They are the two representatives from the original city of London, a patch one mile square in the heart of the metropolis. It is the center of the financial district, and unlike the erratic outer London wards, is always conservative by 10,000 or 12,000 majority.

Jos. Chamberlain will dictate the seven Birmingham seats as usual. He will have a contest, however. The liberals made the mistake in 1906 of leaving him unopposed, as a result of which he stumped the country at large and did incalculable damage to the liberal candidates. This time he will have to remain at home to fight his own campaign.

Though he was bowled down at a recent meeting in his own constituency of East Worcestershire, Jos. Chamberlain's son, Austen, is sure, in his father's opinion, of re-election, or it is certain that the elder Chamberlain would see him safely taken care of in Birmingham.

The labor leaders, Arthur Henderson, Kier Hardie, Ramsay MacDonald and Geo. Barnes will win easily.

MARY KEAVNEY IS AUXILIARY HEAD

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen have elected the following officers for 1910:

Miss—Mary Keavney. Vice mistress—Lennie Grimes. Secretary—Onie Larkin. Treasurer—Lulu Brown. Chaplain—Minnie Shafer. Conductress—Lena Cross. Warden—Jennie Pettinger. Inner guard—Jane Knight. Outer guard—Anna Levens.

The auxiliary is making arrangements for their annual hop to be given at Linker hall about Feb. 4.

ZELAYA MEETS DIAZ

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, called on President Diaz of Mexico today. The visit was informal.

FIND CHILD DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Because Emma Kven, five, daughter of Nels Kven, French island, has been a cripple all of her life, forced to lie in a bunk in one corner of the room, and the humane authorities feared she had been neglected, County Coroner Leonard Kleber and County Physician J. E. Egan were summoned to the Kven home this afternoon to investigate the child's death, neighbors fearing it might have been from other than natural causes. The child died this morning at 1:30 o'clock. No physician had attended it recently. Dr. Egan and the coroner made an examination, and came to the conclusion that the child died from pneumonia. No inquest was held.

BITES OFF PAL'S NOSE IN FIGHT

Henry Hentze Faces Serious Charge and Joseph Edmundson Is in a Serious Way

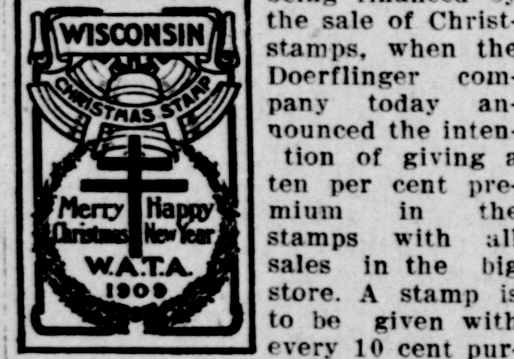
Henry Hentze and Joseph Edmundson, both employed on the construction crew of the Northwestern railroad, between La Crosse and Onalaska, became involved in a fight at Onalaska last night which cost one of them his nose and may land his adversary in the penitentiary.

The party of laborers went to Onalaska last evening and proceeded to make the rounds of the saloons. Hentze and Erickson soon became involved in a quarrel which ended in a battle. When the Onalaska marshal, assisted by bystanders interfered, Edmundson's nose had been almost chewed off by his adversary and the remainder of his face, including one ear were badly bitten. Hentze escaped but but slight bruises.

Sheriff William Duncan was summoned and went to Onalaska after the gladiators and they are now in the county jail awaiting arraignment. Edmundson will be charged with fighting, and his companion, who is alleged to have done the biting may be charged with mayhem, although the warrant on which the latter is held simply charges assault.

PARK STORE GIVES CHRISTMAS STAMPS

A new boom was given to the great fight against the "white plague" which is being financed by the sale of Christmas stamps, when the Doerflinger company today announced the intention of giving a ten per cent premium in the stamps with all sales in the big store. A stamp is to be given with every 10 cent purchase, and so on up in the same ratio, so that no matter how small the purchase it will net a profit to the stamp fund.



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REVISION UPWARD IS NOT POPULAR

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"The people of the west were led to expect something they did not get in the way of tariff legislation and they are still looking for it."

This was the terse summary of his opinion of the Payne-Aldrich measure, voiced by former United States Senator Wm. A. Clark of Montana.

"Everybody looked for revision downward. The way the revision was accomplished has not pleased either the democrats or republicans out west. The feeling is that there will be no tariff legislation at this session and that the question will go over for a while."

OLD INDIGENT IS FREE; HOMELESS

Carl Stelt, 72, recently dismissed from the county jail where he served a ninety day sentence for a crime committed at the La Crosse county poor farm, was again arrested and brought into county court yesterday afternoon. He had so place to go, but simply wandered aimlessly about the streets, begging food and shelter. At the poor farm he is no longer welcome, so the police brought a vagrancy charge against him. He pleaded guilty and was allowed to return to jail for twenty days more.

HAKKI BEY RECALLED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Rome today says Hakki Bey, Turkish ambassador to Italy, has accepted the offer of the grand viziership and will return to Constantinople shortly to organize a new cabinet. Hakki Bey is not allied with the Young Turks party.

DAVENPORT BROKEN DOWN

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 30.—Announcement was made at the home of A. G. Spalding today that the condition of Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist, was unchanged. Davenport is suffering from a nervous breakdown.

RELIABILITY

It is our aim to conduct a jewelry business which in point of reliability will be second to no other in this city.

And thus far we have never been face to face with a crisis, we have never been confronted with any situation or emergency that in our judgment justified any deviation from this rule.

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TAFT ATTENDS A TAFT WEDDING

Niece of President Marries a Seattle Lumberman; Mrs. Taft's Illness Prevents Her Attendance

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The Taft family party left Washington for New York at 9 o'clock this morning to attend the marriage of Miss Louise Taft this afternoon to Geo. Hogg Snowden at the home of Henry W. Taft, brother of the president and father of the bride. The president, Miss Helen Taft and Robert Taft composed the party, Mrs. Taft's ill health preventing her joining in the trip.

Only the immediate families of the couple will be present.

An elaborate ceremony was dispensed with, owing to the recent death of Mrs. Horace Dutton Taft, aunt of the bride.

The bridegroom is the son of Chas. L. Snowden of Seattle, Wash., and is engaged in the lumber business.

The couple will spend a honeymoon of several months traveling in Europe and will then take up their residence in Seattle.

The president will remain at the Henry Taft home this evening and will return to Washington tomorrow morning.

GLADSTONE'S POWER FOR PEACE LASTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Friendly relations of the present day between the United States and Great Britain are still due to the wonderful statesmanship of Wm. E. Gladstone, though Gladstone himself has been dead for 11 years, according to a statement made by Judge Bryce, English ambassador to the United States, in an address before the American Historical and Economic association.

Bryce paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Gladstone, the anniversary of whose birth is being celebrated throughout the English empire today.

Prof. G. M. Wrong of the university of Toronto declared that Canada is as complete a democracy as any republic in the world and is in a position to break with the mother country at any time.

"But we have no intention of doing so," declared the speaker. "John Bull is an old fellow with a lot of money to invest and Canada is a young man with a growing business and no capital."

Prof. Wrong complimented the United States on her stand and policy in the Philippines and declared that eventually Canada hopes to make similar advances outside her own territory. Speaking of the divorce question, he advocated greater stringency for this country, explaining the necessity of parliamentary action to secure a divorce in Canada.

A paper on the "Theory of Wages" Prof. Taussig of Harvard university declared it was not an improved standard of living which affected wages at present, but an abundance of laborers.

A COAL FAMINE IS FEARED BY DEALERS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 30.—A great coal famine in the north-west, owing entirely to a shortage of cars is feared by Milwaukee dealers. Practically the entire coal supply for the northwest, Minnesota and the Dakotas, comes from Milwaukee, and Milwaukee dealers are now nearly 5,000 carloads behind on orders. The railroads are in trouble chiefly because the cold weather is disabling the engines in large numbers and the Milwaukee dealers fear that until there is a stretch of warmer weather that there will be intense suffering in the northwest before spring.

SAYS GIRL WAS SLAIN BY SUITOR

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—Charging that her daughter Bessie was poisoned by a rejected suitor, Mrs. Jennie Frost invoked the aid of the authorities to investigate the case.

The woman declares the man who killed her daughter was a rival of Harry Sayre, reputed son of a millionaire of Newark, N. J., to whom Bessie was engaged. She refuses to reveal the name of the man she suspects.

Sayre, who is now in Arizona, was also suspicious of his rival and wrote to his fiancée warning her against the man. The girl did not heed the warning and dined with the suspected man one evening three weeks before her death. A few hours later she lapsed into unconsciousness which ended in her death.

TONGS AGAIN WARRING

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The war of the Chinese tongs has been renewed with increased vigor and the police fear grave results today from the murder, shortly after midnight, of Ah Hoon, a noted Chinese actor, who was formerly a member of the Four Brothers, which however, he deserted for the On Leong tong.

Commissioner Baker has thrown scores of policemen and plain clothes men into Chinatown today fearing another tong war.

SEVEN O'CLOCK DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. L. Engaas entertained a party of friends at a seven o'clock dinner at their home at 120 West Avenue south last evening. Covers were laid for twelve. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

Stomach Blood and Liver Troubles

Much sickness starts with weak stomach, and consequent poor, impoverished blood. Nervous and pale people lack good, rich, red blood. Their stomachs need invigorating for, after all, a man can be no stronger than his stomach. A remedy that makes the stomach strong and the liver active, makes rich red blood and overcomes and drives out disease-producing bacteria and cures a whole multitude of diseases.

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SCHOOL BOARD TO ORGANIZE MONDAY

Lack of Funds Causes Adjournment of Meeting Today to Pay Off Bills

Because there is no money in the fund to meet current bills which were to have been ordered paid at a meeting of the board scheduled for the La Crosse club this afternoon was adjourned. The board will wait until its regular meeting next Monday when the matter will again be taken up.

At the Monday meeting the board will reorganize for the year. W. J. Josten and John Streeter are the new members of the board, succeeding Otto Loeffler and J. J. Durland, retiring.

COMMISSION CALLS DOWN RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Because of many complaints from shippers of the railroads plain over charge claims and of their delay in settling them, the interstate commerce commission in the court of a decision made public, took occasion to read the roads a severe lecture.

Calling attention to the fact that when an undercharge occurs it is promptly discovered and demand is at once made on the shipper for payment, the commission says that overcharges are detected with equal facility but that repayment is only secured after great effort and delay.

Admitting that there is nothing in the law giving the commission authority to establish any limit of times for adjustment of claims which in ordinary cases ought to be established within thirty days, the decision says:

"Carriers owe it to themselves not to put the commission under the necessity of calling this matter to the attention of the congress and asking for power to compel them to do what, in their own interest and fairness to shippers should be done on their own initiative."

TYPICAL AMERICAN A BERLIN GERMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—After years of search throughout America, President Hadley of Yale university declares that the nearest representative of the "typical American" which has been able to find is not an American at all, but a German from Berlin. This announcement made before the American Historical and Economic associations last night created wide comment today.

BANANA CRATE SHED BURNED

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the storehouse of the Western Banana Crate factory in the rear of the old Vallyu Garment factory about 12:25 o'clock last night, totally destroying the shed and its contents of staves, hoops and other material used in the making of crates. Fire department No. 1 was called by the blaze but gutted the building by the time of their arrival and they were unable to save it.

ANNUAL MEETING

Regular annual meeting of stockholders of the La Crosse City Railway company will be held at the office of the company, corner of Third and La Crosse streets, in the city of La Crosse, state of Wisconsin, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., on the 13th day of January, 1910, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated, La Crosse, Wisconsin, December 30, 1909.

B. E. EDWARDS, President.

W. W. SCHALL, Secretary.

WAS "THE CHEESE" IN RUBBER CO.

Business was Successful, Declares Philip Allen, Jr., but it was Forced to the Wall

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 30.—On the stand in the bankruptcy court yesterday afternoon Philip Allen, Jr., told how he financed the Badger Rubber company, a Mineral Point manufacturing plant. It was a co-partnership formed last May in which Allen figured as, to use his own words, "the whole cheese."

The company was capitalized at \$100,000, of which Allen supplied \$40,000.

"The business was very successful," said Allen, "and promised to earn from 7 to 10 per cent the first year. It was running nights to keep up with the orders. We had two orders of a million feet each of rubber tires for baby carriages. But bills accumulated and recently the company was forced into bankruptcy. If the people of the bank had only put up a couple thousand dollars they could have saved it, and it would be making money today."

Value of Assets
Allen said the only assets of the company are the stock, land and buildings. The stock is worth, he estimated, \$3,000 or \$4,000; the land and buildings from \$10,000 to \$12,000; and the engines, machinery, etc., from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The liabilities are approximately \$12,000, represented by notes to the bank. The mill building formerly was used as a woolen mill, and is a three-story frame building in Mineral Point, well equipped with machinery. Allen estimated it was making \$300 to \$500 a month, with orders ahead.

Bond for Mrs. Allen
Arrangements were completed today for the furnishing of a bond for \$3,000 (reduced from \$5,000) for Mrs. Allen, who has been in jail for a week following her arrest with her sister and brother-in-law on a charge of conspiracy with Allen in concealing assets that rightfully should be turned over to the creditors. Her attorney, Rufus B. Smith, assured the court officials that everything would be fixed up to insure her freedom this morning.

VALUABLE HORSES BURN

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—Fire destroyed the large brood mare barn at Patchen Wilkes farm here last night and 29 trotting bred brood mares owned by W. E. D. Stokes of New York, and other horsemen were burned to death.

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POSTOFFICE CONTRACT LET.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The contract for the construction of the federal building at Oklahoma City was awarded by the treasury department to M. J. Ill & Company, of Ardmore, Okla., at its bid of \$209,196.



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WANTED—Boys and girls at once. La Crosse Can Co. 9-17-tf.

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WANTED—Girl at Gem restaurant. 12 30 11

WANTED—A good nurse girl, 222 South Eighth. 12 30 tf

WANTED—A young woman or man to read in exchange for lessons in shorthand and typewriting or book-keeping. Address A. B. C. Tribune. 12 28 30

WANTED—Competent girl, at 516 North Fourth. 12 28 30

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework, at 515 South 5th. 12 27 tf

WANTED—Competent girl for gen. North Fourth. 12 27 31

WANTED—Girl at Henry & Frank's. 118 North Third. 12 27 tf

WANTED—Girl at the Germania hotel, 228 North Second street. 12 27 11

WANTED—Hairdresser and manicure expert, one who understands manufacturing of hair goods preferred. Mrs. L. B. Soell, 515 Main. 12-2-tf

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good hard coal heater and household furniture. Call 625 North Tenth. New phone 958-M. 12 30 11

FOR SALE—One Shetland pony—or trade for bigger horse; one horse sleigh, can be used for two; flooring for ceiling or wainscoting; chopping blocks; posts for wash rails. Inquire 418 South Eighth street. 12 30 31

FOR SALE—Small automobile cheap; 10 horse power gasoline engine. 1352 Rose street. 12 29 16

FOR SALE—Building and stock of general merchandise, located in Wisconsin town of 300 inhabitants in a good farming district. Stock invoices about \$5,000. Best of reasons for selling. In a railroad town. Address, D. S., in care of Tribune. 12 29 13

FOR SALE—Fine stock farm, 310 acres three miles from Galesville. One of the best in the county. W. S. Wadleigh, Galesville, Wis.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a Densmore typewriter in good condition. Address Typewriter, care of Tribune. 12 23 tf

FOR SALE—One delivery sleigh, about 12 feet long, used with either one or two horses. Inquire at 1027 South Eighth. Old phone 4733. 12 20 tr

FOR SALE—A National cash register; cost \$125; almost new; will sell for \$60 cash. Address Cash Register, care of Tribune. 12 23 tf

FOR SALE—One misses coat, navy blue, with large fur collar, full length, in excellent condition; will sell very cheap. Address T. L. M. 10-30-tf

FOR SALE—Encyclopedia Britannica. New Werner Twentieth Century latest edition; 31 volumes, half leather binding; cost \$77.50. Will sell at a bargain. Some of books not opened yet; good as when bought. Call 6012 old phone. 12 28 11

FOR SALE OR RENT—A good farm of 226 acres. For particulars inquire Thomas & Phalon, 700 Rose street. 8-30-tf

FOR SALE—2 h. p. gasoline engine, \$60; almost new. Inquire at Eagle Hotel. 12-6-tf

FOR SALE—Good pianos. Price is right. A. Ruhoff, piano tuner. 10-9-tf

SHORT HORNS FOR SALE or exchange for horses; could use heavy under 10 years old; also want two good farm teams from 4 to 8 years old. W. T. Hartley, La Crosse, Wis. 12-3-tf

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FOR RENT—Eight room modern house; very warm. Seventh and Johnson. Inquire 720 Johnson. 12 30 11

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, for light housekeeping or suitable for two or three young men. 331 North Seventh street. 12 30 tf

FOR RENT—Seven room cottage; electric light and gas, \$13. 409 North 11th. C. N. Hawley. 12 29 13

FOR RENT—House, 919 Market. 12 29 18

FOR RENT—Unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping, for two or three ladies. 202 North Seventh street. 12 28 13

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms, 120 South Seventh; \$12. 12 28 31

FOR RENT—Seven room house, modern, hot water heat. Call 718-C new phone. 12-16-tf

FOR RENT—Six room cottage, gas, electricity. 715 South Seventh. Miss E. Simon. New phone 830-M. 12-9 eod

FOR RENT—Fine location for manufacturing plant, third floor double building, with heat, water and power elevator service. 114-116 N. Front street, upstairs. 12-4-tf

FOR RENT—Jan. 1, seven room flat with bath, heat, light. La Crosse School of Music, 211 South Fifth St. 12 18 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, all modern. Over Tribune office. 11-26-tf

FOR RENT—7 room modern house, city heat, 234 So. 7th St. New phone 194-C or 726-M. 8-3-tf

FOR RENT—Three office rooms, city heat. Over Arenz shoe store, 323 Pearl street. 5-10-tf

MISCELLANEOUS

TO EXCHANGE—For unincumbered tobacco land, half interest in elegantly equipped restaurant in manufacturing city of 60,000, near La Crosse. Receipts \$85 daily. Cheap rent. Value of half \$3,000. Best patronized place in town. Snap if taken at once. Address R. L. La Crosse Tribune. 12 24 14

WANTED—To buy a small cottage, centrally located; not over two thousand dollars. Call new phone 278 Blue. 12-23-29

WANTED—A second-hand cutter for pony. 821 State street. 12 22 tf

REMODELING of ladies' suits and other garments, first class work and prompt service. S. C. Knudsen, 304-306 McMillan Bldg.

Architects, Sperlentendents.

SCHICK & ROTH—Batavian Bank Building. Telephone 390.

Insurance.

INSURE your property against tornado. No locality can claim immunity from the devastating cyclone. C. S. Van Auker, agent, 328 Pearl street. 4-21-tf

Coast Shipments.

CUT RATES on household goods to Pacific coast and other points. Superior service at reduced rates. The Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Detectives.

LATAMORE & HILER, Detective Agency. Merchant Police. Office 317 Pearl. 11-13-tf

Funeral Directors.

Fessler & Dahl, funeral directors. 109 South Third street. Open day and night. Both phones 110. tf

Financial.

LOANS MADE SALARIED PEOPLE, on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons. No removal, no publicity. La Crosse Mortgage & Loan Co., 322 Main street, upstairs.

Watch Repairing.

WATCH REPAIRING—Notice to the public—Having been frequently asked if I was doing anything at my trade, I will say I have made arrangements commencing July 1, to do watch work and engraving at home. Any one in need of my services can find me at 522 State street, or phone 830-A New phone. D. Drunonond. 6-26-tf

Worth Dollars; Costs Cents

H. W. Barker's Cough Remedy, made at Sparta, Wis. Write for valuable information. For sale by all druggists. 12 27 11

Real Estate.

6 room flat, No. 120 North 10th street. \$12.00

Brick store, corner Third and King streets. \$25.00

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass, Liability, Live Stock Insurance. Bonds, Loans, Notarial Work.

C. F. KLEIN,

Insurance, Bonds, Notary public. Room 12, Majestic Theater Bldg.

NOTICE!

On Jan. 15, 1910, we will place on sale for CHARGES all Umbrellas, Gloves, Rugs, Wings and other articles left for repairs over 90 days.

L. P. CORDELL

"The Handy Man" 610 Main

UNION RIDGE, MINN.

M. C. Cunningham is spending the holidays in Union.

Mrs. Adam Scauble was at Houston one day this week.

G. W. Sinnas of Houston was a caller here Saturday.

C. S. Kelly, who has been running a train out of Duluth, arrived home to spend Christmas. He was in a railroad wreck a few weeks ago and received a few minor injuries.

H. E. Dittman, who has been employed near Winona, is at home.

Mrs. F. E. Letezaw spent Sunday in Mound Prairie.

Thomas Murray spent Monday transacting business in Union.

Miss L. Schauble and B. S. Wilson was married Thursday at Houston.

Alphonso C. Kelly, who has been attending the normal school at La Crosse, arrived home Thursday for the holidays.

William Cunningham left Monday for Plainview to visit his sister, Mrs. McGrath.

H. H. Dorninger was a caller in Caledonia Monday.

The children of our school are enjoying their Christmas vacation.

Mrs. George Kyle spent Monday in Hokah.

Valentine Darning was a caller in Hokah Monday.

F. Smith of Hokah Valley spent Sunday with friends here.

Aug. Kecker, Sr., died Christmas day of old age. He had been living at the home of his son, Chas. Kecker, for this place.

P. J. Kelly spent the week in La Crosse.

O. S. Landon was a Houston caller this week.

Mrs. B. Findering of Houston is spending a few days with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen of this place.

CHRISTMAS DOINGS HELD TUESDAY

The singing of a chorus of sixty voices was the feature of a Christmas program held Tuesday at the Norwegian Lutheran church, Sixth and Division streets, of which Rev. H. G. Magelssen is pastor. There were various musical numbers which went to make up one of the most delightful programs ever held at the church.

STATE PROBE OF ILLINOIS ROADS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 30.—There will be a state investigation of the transportation facilities of the Illinois roads and of the charges of discrimination in the distribution of empty coal cars among the mines.

LOG TRAIN RUNS AWAY.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Dec. 30.—Failure of the brakes of a heavy logging train was responsible for the wreck of the train when it broke loose on a hill near here and crashed into a snowplow that was following it up the grade. Four trainmen were killed.

THE DAILY MARKETS

BUTTER PRICES STRONGER TODAY

The Price of Creamery Butter Advanced One Cent on the Wholesale Market

Quotations on creamery butter showed an upward tendency this morning, today's price being 37 to 38 cents, an advance of a cent over yesterday's prices. Dairy butter and egg prices remained steady.

Fruits

(Quoted by J. C. Burns.)

Lemons, 360 and 300 size. \$5.50

Oranges, Valencia. \$3.50

Cabbage, crate. \$1.50

Potatoes, new, bushel. 40c

Bananas, Jumbos. \$1.50 to \$3.25

Celery, dozen. 25c

Onions, red globes, bushel. 80c

Figs, Col., 12 pkgs. 80c

Dates, Hallowell, 60 lbs. box. \$5.00

Peaches, Col. Elbertas, box. \$2.10

Pears, per bushel. \$2.50

Cranberries, Capt Cods. \$7.00

Grapes, Concord. 17c

Grapes, Tokays, crate. \$1.35

Grapes, Malaga. \$1.10

Sweet Potatoes, Virginias. \$2.00

Oysters, per gallon. \$1.10

Flour and Feed

(Quoted by the Listman Milling Co.)

Flour

Patent, per bbl. \$6.00

Straight, per bbl. \$5.80

Mill Feed

Bran, per ton. \$23.00

Shorts, per ton. \$23.00

White middlings, per ton. \$25.00

Red Dog, per ton. \$29.00

Cheese

(Prices do not include sacks.)

(Quoted by Ice Cream & Butter Co.)

Full cream twins. 16 1/2 to 17c

Full cream daisies. 17c

Full cream Young Americas. 17c

Full cream long horns. 17c

Full cream brick. 16 1/2 to 17c

Full cream limburger. 16 1/2 to 17c

Full cream round Swiss. 20c

Full cream block Swiss, 5 and 6 to box, weighing 25 to 35 lbs. each. 19c

Creamery butter, lb. 38c

Grain

(Quoted by Thomas & Phalon.)

Wheat. 98c to \$1.05

Rye. 60 to 63c

Barley. 48 to 60c

Corn. 45 to 60c

Oats. 38 to 40c

Livestock

(By Langdon & Boyd Packing Co.)

Hogs. \$5.50 to \$7.40

Dressed hogs. 10 to 10 1/2c

Steers. \$2.50 to \$4.50

Heifers. \$2.00 to \$3.50

Cows. \$1.50 to \$3.50

Lambs. \$4.00 to \$5.00

Sheep. \$2.50 to \$3.50

Poultry

Chickens. 8 to 9c

Spring chickens. 9 to 10c

Turkeys, lb. 12 to 12 1/2c

Ducks. 9c

Geese. 8c

Provisions

Lard, per lb. 15 to 15 1/2c

Hams. 15 to 15 1/2c

Shoulders. 12 1/2c

Bacon. 18 to 20c

Beef, dry. 17 to 19c

Hay and Wood

(Quoted by City Scales.)

Hay, tame, per ton. \$10 to \$11

Wood, per cord. \$5.50 to \$6.00

Butter and Eggs

(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)

Creamery butter, lb. 37 to 38c

Dairy, per lb. 33 to 34c

Eggs, firsts, per dozen. 33c

Eggs, storage, per dozen. 27c

RETAIL MARKETS

(Quoted by A. B. Moll.)

Dairy butter, lb. 37c

Eggs, strictly fresh. 38c

Creamery butter. 40c

Parsley, per bunch. 5c

Cabbage, bushel. 5c

Potatoes, per peck. 20c

Green peppers, dozen. 15 to 20c

Wax beans, lb. 12 1/2c

Lettuce, 2 bunches for. 5c

Fresh mushrooms. 75c

Pineapples, each. 15 to 20c

Head lettuce. 15 to 18c

Shallots, bunch. 25c

Cauliflower. 15 to 20c

Oranges, dozen. 20 to 40c

Bananas, dozen. 15 to 20c

Lemons, dozen. 25 to 30c

Cucumbers, each. 12 1/2c

Spinach, peck. 30c

Hubbard squash. 10c

Vegetable oysters. 5c

Radishes. 5c

Endives. 5 to 8c

Turnips, peck. 20c

Beets, peck. 20c

Comparative Markets

These Quotations Show the General Trend of Prices for the Previous Week

LIVESTOCK YESTERDAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts 18,000, steady; beefs, \$4.80 to \$5; Texas, \$4.10 to \$4.80; western, \$4.10 to \$6.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.10 to \$5.30; cows and heifers, \$2.10 to \$5.60; calves, \$7.25 to \$9.50.

Hogs—Receipts 23,000, slow; light \$8.10 to \$8.55; mixed, \$8.20 to \$8.70; heavy, \$8.35 to \$8.75; rough, \$8.35 to \$8.50; Yorkers, \$8.40 to \$8.50; pigs, \$7.15 to \$8.15.

Sheep—Receipts 15,000, strong; natives, \$3.60 to \$5.75; western, \$3.80 to \$5.75; lambs, native, \$5.75 to \$8.40; western, \$5.75 to \$8.35.

LIVESTOCK A WEEK AGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Cattle receipts 21,000, weak; beefs, \$4 to \$8.50; Texas, \$4 to \$4.80; western, \$4 to \$6.25; stockers and feeders,

\$3 to \$5.25; cows and heifers, \$2 to \$5.50; calves, 7.25 to \$9.25.

Hogs receipts 35,000, fair; light, \$7.80 to \$8.25; mixed, \$8 to \$8.40; heavy, \$8.10 to \$8.40; rough, \$8.10 to \$8.20; Yorkers, \$8.15 to \$8.20; pigs, \$7 to \$7.80.

Sheep receipts 22,000, market 5 to 10 cents lower; natives, 3.50 to \$5.60; western, \$3.75 to \$5.60; lambs, native, \$5.75 to \$8.25; western, \$5.75 to \$8.30.

Grain

YESTERDAY. WEEK AGO.

WHEAT—

Dec. 117 1/2% 114 1/2%

May 111 1/2% 110

July 101 1/2% 101

CORN—

Dec. 62 1/2% 61 1/2%

May 66 1/2% 65 1/2%

July 66 1/2% 65 1/2%

OATS—

Dec. 44 43 1/2%

May 45 1/2% 45 1/2%

July 43 1/2% 42 1/2%

FOREIGN MARKETS

New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Pronounced strength and activity was shown in the stock market at the opening today. Prices in nearly everything moved up from fractions to 3 points. Brooklyn Union Gas moved up 2 points. Coppers and the Gould issues were strong.

11 a. m.—Market strength continued through the first hour, due in a large extent to the near approach of the end of the year. Wabash issues, Reading, D. & H., and coppers were prominent.

Government bonds unchanged; others strong.

Noon.—The calling in of loans of many banks checked the upward rise of prices in the late forenoon and recessions were common. Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper and Steel common were among those which showed the effect. Call money went up to 7 per cent.

New York Money

NE WYORK, Dec. 30.—Money on call 7 per cent.

Time money 4 1/2 per cent for six months.

Bar silver: London, 24 1/4 pence; New York, 52 5/8 cents.

Demand sterling, 486.85.

Kansas City Livestock

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 4,000, steady to 10 cents lower; native steers, \$4.80 to \$7.25; southern steers, \$4 to \$6.25; southern cows, \$2.75 to \$4.30; native cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.40 to \$5.25; bulls, \$3.25 to \$4.75; calves, \$4 to \$9; western steers, \$4 to \$6.50; western cows, \$2.75 to \$4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000, strong; bulk, \$8.15 to \$8.50; heavy, \$8.45 to \$8.55; packers and butchers, \$8.25 to \$8.80; light, \$8.10 to \$8.40; pigs, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000, steady; muttons, \$4.50 to \$5.75; lambs, \$6.50 to \$8.25; fed western wethers and yearlings, \$4.75 to \$7.25; fed western ewes, \$4.50 to \$5.35.

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 17,000, market 10 to 15 cents lower; beefs, \$4.10 to \$7.90; Texas, \$4 to \$4.85; western, \$4 to \$6.15; stockers and feeders, \$3 to \$5.20; cows and heifers, \$2 to \$5.50; calves, \$7.25 to \$9.50.

Hogs—Receipts 18,000, steady; light, \$8.10 to \$8.55; mixed, \$8.25 to \$8.70; rough, \$8.25 to \$8.50; Yorkers, \$8.40 to \$8.50; pigs, \$7.20 to \$8.15.

Sheep—Receipts 15,000, steady; natives, \$3.50 to \$5.70; western, \$3.60 to \$5.70; lambs, \$5.75 to \$8.35; western, \$5.70 to \$8.30.

Chicago Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Butter—Creamery extras, 36; firsts, 31 to 32; dairy extras, 31; firsts, 28.

Eggs—Prime firsts, 33; firsts, 32. Cheese—Twins, 16 to 16 1/2; daisies, 16 1/2; young Americas, 16 to 16 1/4.

Potatoes—According to choice, 45; market firm.

Live Poultry—Turkeys, 17; fowls, 14 to 14 1/2; spring chickens, 13 1/2 to 14; ducks, 14 to 15; geese, 10.

Chicago Cash Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cash wheat: No. 2 red, \$1.24 to \$1.27; No. 3 red, \$1.17 to \$1.25; No. 2 hard, \$1.17 to \$1.18; No. 3 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.15; No. 1 northern, \$1.17 to \$1.20; No. 2 northern, \$1.15 to \$1.17 1/2; No. 3 spring, \$1.12 to \$1.17.

Corn—No. 3 white, 61 3/4; No. 3 yellow, 61 1/2 to 62; No. 4 yellow, 59 to 60.

Oats—No. 2 white, 45 3/4 to 46 1/2; No. 3 white, 44 1/2 to 45 1/4; No. 4 white, 43 to 43 1/2; standard, 45 1/2 to 46.

Barley

Chicago cash barley, 55 to 71.

Minneapolis cash barley, 57 to 66.

Flax

Minneapolis cash flax, 2.07 1/4; arrive, \$2.07 1/4.

Duluth May flax, \$2.04.

GRAIN LETTER

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—There was fresh cause for strength in wheat at the opening today, because of a sharp advance in the Liverpool market. Prices there were quoted 1-2 penny to 1-8 penny higher. First rush of buying here advanced May price to \$1.12 1/8. There was reaction to \$1.11 5/8 and later the price steadied to around \$1.11 7/8, about 1-2 cent over the close yesterday.

July was up nearly 1 cent at best point of the morning at \$1.02 3/8, held later \$1.01 7/8, ten cents under May. December wheat covered a range of \$1.18 3/4 and \$1.17 3/4 but largely neglected. Local shorts were fairly well covered up at the advance and liberal commission house selling followed.

Only moderate strength was noted in corn on first trades, when December sold at 63 cents and dropped

MERCHANTS WOULD OUST MISS FEWSON

Twenty-five Madison Storekeepers Bring Formal Charges Against University Agent

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 30.—Twenty-five merchants of Madison have united in a complaint to the state civil service commission against the conduct of the purchasing department of the university at the hands of Miss Edna Fewson, purchasing agent, and ask for an examination of the office. The committee for the merchants entering into the petition consists of Robert Kerr, manager of the New York store, drygoods; Reuben J. Neckerman of the Keeley, Neckerman, Kessenich company, drygoods; C. W. Haswell of the Haswell Furniture company; T. G. Murray of the Burdick Murray company, drygoods; and A. G. Kroncke, president of the H. G. Kroncke Hardware company.

Formal Complaint

"The undersigned for and in behalf of the merchants of the state of Wisconsin, whose names appear below and who have authorized us in writing to present this matter

We Want You To Read This Ad Because It Is A Duty You Owe Yourself As A Citizen of This Community.

Friday, December 31st, we will give you

A WISCONSIN CHRISTMAS STAMP FREE

with each 10c you spend in the store. If you spend \$1.00, we will give you ten of these stamps free; if your purchase amounts to \$5.00, we will give you fifty of these stamps free—and so on. Be sure you ask for them when buying. We will not give them otherwise.

NOW LISTEN!

Wisconsin Christmas Stamps were sold by the United States Government to the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association for the actual cost of the printing. This association sells them for 1 cent each. The proceeds are spent in this state, 1-2 of the proceeds being spent in this county. The money will be used to help prevent, to help stamp out tuberculosis in this state, and in this county and to help care for our own afflicted.

Search where you will, you can't find a more worthy enterprise than this movement on the part of our people to exterminate the great white plague, and since we're giving you these stamps, it costs you nothing to help it along.

Friday, Dec. 31st, is the date, remember. One stamp free with each 10c purchase.

Any Overcoat in our Store

Including Our Finest

None reserved—not a single one—
in this season's styles, colors and
materials—Your choice of the entire
stock, now selling at \$13.50, \$15,
\$16.50, \$18.00, \$20 and \$22.50.

All Go At

\$10

The sale is for Friday Only. The bulk of these are \$16.50 and \$18.00 coats. Some \$22.50 garments.



2nd Floor.

STORE OPEN FRIDAY EVENING

BATAVIA Canned Goods

Start Off The New Year by laying in a supply



In buying Canned Goods, you can afford to select nothing but the best, for many reasons which every housewife appreciates.

The ingredients of Batavia Canned Goods are specially selected fancy fruits and vegetables, absolutely pure, and every step in the process of canning is done under strictly sanitary, thoroughly modern conditions. "Batavia" Canned Goods, therefore, are really the best the market affords, although they cost little more than ordinary kinds.

THE LIST COMPRISES:

Coffees, Fruits of All Kinds, both foreign and domestic, Vegetables of All Kinds, etc., etc.

We have the exclusive sale in La Crosse



Doerflinger's

STORE OPEN FRIDAY EVENING

NEW MAJESTIC THEATER A SUPERB PLAY HOUSE

OPEN TO PUBLIC
ON MONDAY NEXT

Finest Vaudeville House of
Its Size in the Northwest
Now Ready; Opening
Bill Is Announced

The only theater in the state, built exclusively for vaudeville purposes, the new Majestic, on Main street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for opening Jan. 3.

Messrs. Frank R. Schwalbe and Peter Newburg, the owners of the magnificent structure, both of whom are prominent La Crosse business men feel that the city is facing a future, which they have shown to La Crosse and La Crosse theater goers by making so large an investment in so new a project as the vaudeville theater enterprise. It is only in the last three or four years that vaudeville has gained the favor of the public and for this reason there are very few really well adapted vaudeville houses in the country.

The new Majestic theater building is one of the finest on Main street. Built of white enamel brick, its imposing front can be seen for blocks, and its stores are among the best in the city.

Stores are Magnificent

The entire front part of the structure is devoted to stores and offices. The stores are magnificent, being well lighted and ventilated and heated with the same system as the remainder of the house. The fixtures are of golden oak, and the beautiful steel ceilings set off the whole.

On the second and third floors all of the offices are arranged en suite, but they are so located that they can be rented singly if so desired. A noticeable advantage of the offices is the excellent light in all of them, good ventilation and troubleless heating arrangement.

The new theater was built by Contractor Frank R. Schwalbe, who is one of the owners, and Mr. Schwalbe has personally superintended every part of the work.

Entire Floor Space Rented

That business is moving out Main street and away from Fourth street is shown by the way the stores and office rooms in the structure are being taken. All of the ground floor space has now been rented and is being occupied. G. E. Gelwitz, jewelry store, and the Huntoon Book company occupy the store on the west side of the building and Erhart's pharmacy is already well established on the east side. On the second floor Dr. Bechmann is already well established in an elegant suite of offices, and the remainder of the offices on this floor have all been spoken for with the possible exception of one or two. Among the tenants who have taken offices on the second floor are Dr. Scott Hoyt of Chaseburg, C. F. Klein, Frank G. Roth, and others.

Visitors to the new theater are impressed at once with the elegance and beauty of the building. No expense has been spared in making the structure one of which La Crosse can be justly proud.

One thousand dollars was expended on the big entrance alone. The lobby is lined with glazed tiles of snowy whiteness and the beautiful steel ceiling which was made by the La Crosse Cornice and Ceiling company, has been declared one of the handsomest in the city.

Theater a Revelation

The theater proper will be a revelation to La Crosse play goers when it is formally thrown open to the public. Entirely up to date in every detail it will meet with the approval of all who visit it. In going through the theater yesterday Mr. Newburg said that there will not be a "seat in the house which will not be a 'good' seat. There are no columns to mar the view of the stage, and the floor is raised to such an extent that a woman will have to wear an unusually large hat to obstruct the view of the person behind her.

Seventeen tiers of seats, providing for the seating of 700 persons, are arranged on the lower floor, and there are 300 in the balcony, together with eight boxes, four on each floor. The stage is 75 feet long, and the proscenium arch very high, especially adapted to the staging of any kind of aboriginal or vaudeville act requiring a high ceiling.

Ample Fire Protection

Steel and asbestos exclusively have gone into the proscenium arch and with the heavy asbestos curtain hung yesterday, the public will be amply protected from fire from the stage. In case of a panic there are eight exits, and it is estimated that a capacity audience can be turned into the streets in less than two minutes.

The new play house will be the best ventilated and heated of any in the state. Under a new heating system, there will be a small radiator under each chair, both in the balcony and on the lower floor, four immense steam boilers in the basement furnishing the heat. Eight vents in the ceiling and several on the side walls will carry off the foul air, while fresh pure cold air is drawn into the structure through an air duct in the basement.

Koppelerberger Is Manager

To the right of the lobby as you enter is the box office, and just behind this, entered through it is the private office of Manager F. Koppelerberger, who has leased the theater for a term of years.

On the landing of the stairs just above Manager Koppelerberger's office is the ladies' waiting room, which will be equipped with lounging chairs, mirrors and toilet requisites. In a similar location on the opposite side of the house is the gentlemen's smoking room and toilet.

Decorations Completed

Yesterday the large force of men in the employ of Odin J. Oyen of this city, who for the past three weeks have been busily engaged in putting the final beauty touches to the interior of the magnificent playhouse completed their work and visitors to the new building are impressed with its simple yet imposing grandeur.

The style of the decorations is the Empire style and ivory and lavender colors predominate. The proscenium arch is embellished by a magnificent mural painting symbolic of comedy, tragedy and music, the work of Mr. Oyen's special artist, Mr. A. E. Soderberg. On either side of this in a cluster of electric lights, a wreath of garlands surrounds the figure of a lyre.

Ivory and gilt predominate in the decoration of the boxes and the inner arch and the balcony and the boxes are finished with polished brass rail installed by H. Trepte of this city, who also furnished the window grate in the box office. Green velvet has been draped from the brass rail around the boxes, producing a very pretty effect in contrast to the white ground.

All in Good Taste

A visitor to the new theater as he enters the lobby of the theater is immediately impressed by the extreme simplicity of the decorations and the extreme good taste shown throughout the building. There is nothing overdone, and the flashy, gaudy effect frequently seen in buildings of this sort is conspicuous by its absence.

Four complete sets of scenery were hung yesterday, including an immense asbestos curtain, which will protect the house from fire from the stage. The scenery was furnished by the Twin City Scenic company, and is new and up-to-date.

Picture Machine Is Safe

At the rear of the balcony, in a little room lined with metal, one picture machine will be located and it is being installed today.

Manager Koppelerberger has retained the entire force of the Bijou to take charge of the new theater from the opening night. Charles Larson will be the electrician. William Freise will act as stage manager, assisted by Richard Kaiser. Miss Lona Bedessem will preside at the box

office, which will be kept open after eleven o'clock and Peter Bedessem will retain his position as door keeper.

Five Piece Orchestra
Another feature of the new house will be the orchestra. Manager Koppelerberger has engaged an orchestra of five pieces which will play at every performance, including matinees. The orchestra is composed of Walter Goetzinger, piano; Prof. R. Kreutz, violin; Charles Vek, cornet; E. Kreutz, clarinet; and Carl Radolph, drums.

Ten, twenty and thirty cents will be the prices of the new theater, and thirty cents and the balcony ten and twenty. Boxes will be ten and twenty. Matinee prices will be five and ten cents.

Opening Bill a Hammer

Five of the very best acts obtainable comprise the opening bill. Manager Koppelerberger has brought on the best vaudeville bill ever presented in La Crosse for the week of next Monday and no expense has been spared.

Miss Valletta's Leopards
Most distinguished animal act in vaudeville will be the feature at this electric arena spectacle. Miss Valletta's troupe has a distinction of putting forth an equal of which cannot be found in vaudeville today. This act is booked in Europe for the foreign presentation of the Great Salome and Comedienne circuit.

"The Italian Nightingale"

Miss Vera-de-Bassim will present one of the most pleasing singing acts heard in this city in many years. She is properly styled the Italian Nightingale and human violin. She appeared last season for seven consecutive weeks at the Folies Bergere in Paris.

Brooks and Carlisle in their brand skit entitled, "The Limit," will have the audience in roars of laughter from the start to the finish of the clever act.

Les Theodores, in an equilibrium novelty will surely startle vaudevilleans with their amazing contortions and acrobatic work.

Scott and Wilson, Comedians

One of the best comedy acts presented in La Crosse will be portrayed by Scott and Wilson, the clever talking and acrobatic comedians.

As an extra added attraction, the management has secured the services of W. L. Werden and Co. song illustrators. This is a spectacular production of art and song. Mr. Werden uses a Quintuple machine of his own invention, and he is assisted by Miss Marie Gearin, the lyric soprano singing the latest ballads with semi-oil paintings.

The Motograph, the latest and most complete picture machine manufactured has been purchased to make this the most complete vaudeville theater in the state. The management has secured the best moving pictures for this beautiful play house.

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Leo Slezak, the great tenor, now sings for you in the Edison Phonograph the same famous arias from the Grand Operas that the New York audiences pay \$5.00 a seat to hear. Just how great a singer Slezak is, is told in the following remark, quoted from the New York World the morning after a recent appearance of Slezak at the Metropolitan Opera House: "Caruso now has a rival."

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